

# The Actes of

the Apostles, translated in-  
to Englyshe Metre, and de-  
dicated to the Kinges moste excel-  
lent Maestie, by Christoffer Tye,  
Doctor in Wyse, and one of the  
Gentylmen of his graces moste ho-  
nourable Chappell, with notes to  
eche Chapter, to synge and also to  
play upon the Lute, very necessarye  
for studentes after theyr studie;  
to fyle theyr voyces, and also  
for all Christians that  
cannot synge,

to reade

the good and Godly sto-  
ries of the lyues of  
Christ his Ap-  
ostles.

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*Am. Dyson*

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If God to rule, do thee elect  
Pryde not thy selfe therein  
As one of thynne, be in effect  
Thy people so to wynne.

Let care for them, be thy repast  
That wysedome be their choyse  
And when thy dutye, done thou hast  
Syt downe wth them reioyce.

Of honour then, receyue the crowne  
In wysedome to excell  
For wisdom, wynneth great renowne  
Whych doth become thee well.

Hyndre not musyke.



**T**o the Vertuous and  
 Godlye learned Prynce, Edward  
 the. vi. by the grace of God, King of Eng-  
 lande, Fraunce, and Ireland, Defendour  
 of the Fayth, and on earth next and imme-  
 diately vnder Christe, of the Churches of  
 Englande and Ireland the Supreme head,  
 your graces humble, longynge, and obedi-  
 ent seruaunte Christofer Tye, wyllyth the  
 continuance of God hys seare to dwell  
 in your graces heart, longe to raygne  
 in myche honour, healtche,  
 wealth and vis-  
 toyre.



Onsydrynge well,  
 most godly Kyng  
 The zeale and per-  
 fecte loue:  
 Your grace doth beare,  
 to eche good thyng  
 That geuen is from  
 aboue.

And that your grace, oft tymes doth looke  
 To learne of the last daye:  
 The which ye fynde, with in Gods booke  
 That wyll not passe awaye.

whose booke is geuen, in these your dayes  
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## The Preface.

Wherin ye do reioyce:  
And eke prayse hym, in all hys wayes  
And that with thankefull voyce.

Which doth make glad, your subiectes all  
And moueth them to learne:  
Gods lyuely worde, and how they shall  
The truth therby discearne.

Beholde O Kynge, of God elect  
And ye shal ryght well se:  
That as your hyghnes, is affect  
So wpll your subiectes be.

Your grace may note, from tyme to tyme  
That some doth vnder take:  
Vpon the Psalmes, to wyte in ryme  
The verse pleasaunt to make.

And some doth take in hande to wypte  
Out of the booke of Kynge:  
Because they see, your grace delys  
In suche lyke Godlye thynges.

And last of all, I yourre poore man  
Whose voynges are ful base:  
Yet glad to do, the best I can  
To geue vnto your grace.

Hane

## The Preface.

Haue thought it good, now to rechte  
The stozpes of the Actes:  
Euen of the twelue, as Luke doth wyte  
Of all their worthy factes.

Unto the text, I do not ad  
Noz nothyng take awaye:  
And though my style, be grosse and bad  
The truth perceyue you maye.

Your Maiestye, is not to teache  
The Apostles wordes are playne:  
Withynk hohne termes, they did not preache  
But sought an easie bayne. (the

Playnely to speake, their maisters wyl  
The people to instruct;  
That they their callenge, myght fulfyl  
In truch them to conduct.

Savinge your grace, not to thynke now  
That I do condesende:  
The pleasaunt style, to disalowe  
But do it much commende.

But he that shal, of scripture treat  
If he wyl please God well:  
Of force he must, such termes sozeat  
The truth playnely to tell.

A.iii.

My

## The Preface

My ignorance, thus to excuse  
I haue my mynde exprest:  
I trust your grace, wpll not refuse  
To make of it the best.

And yf your grace, shal in good part  
My simple worke so take:  
My wyetes to thys, I wpll conuert  
All vayne thynges to forsake.

My callinge is, another waye  
Your grace shall here in fynde  
By notes set forth, to synge or playe  
To recreate the mynde.

And thowghe they be, not rutions  
But for the letter meter  
Ye shall them fynde, harmonious  
And eke pleasaunt and swete.

That suche good thynges, your grace  
Your lute when ye assay: (might moue  
In stede of songes, of wanton loue  
These stozies then to playe.

So shal your Grace, please God & Lorde  
In walkynge in hys waye.  
Hys lawes and statutes, to recorde  
In your heart nyght and daye.

And

## The Preface. ¶

And eke your realme, shall flourish still  
No good thyng shall decaye:  
Your subiectes shall, with right good wyll  
These wordes recorde and saye.

Thy lyfe O kynge, to vs doth shyne  
As Gods booke doth thee teache;  
Thou dost vs tepe, with such doctrine  
As Christes elect dyd preache.

The lypynge God, graunt thee to raygne  
In great honour and wealth;  
Thy vertuous life, good Lord maintayne  
And sende thee prosperous health.

Thy dere Syllers, the spirite them leade  
To loue the worde of God;  
Whiche shall them stande, in better steade  
Then doth their holt liuelod.

Thy holt Counsayle, the Lord preserve  
And graunt to man and wyfe:  
To craue of hym, not ones to swarue  
From hys swete worde of lyfe. Amen.

CHRIST dyd ascende, vp in to heauen  
As ye shall after reade:  
Mathias vvas, of the eleuen  
Elect in Iudas steade.

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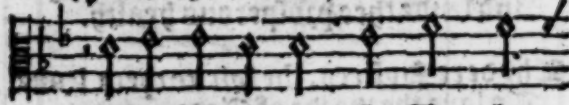
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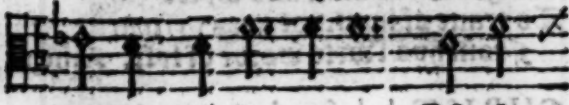
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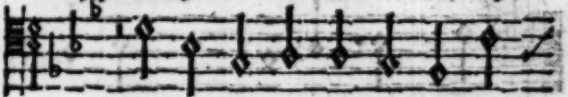
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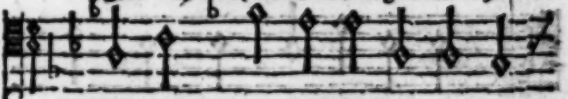
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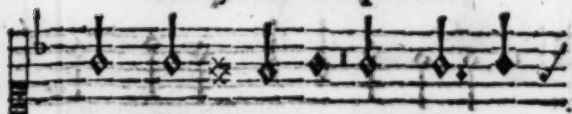


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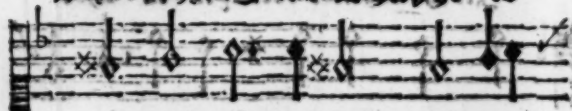


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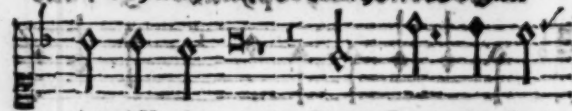
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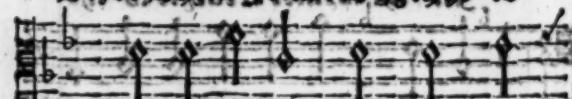
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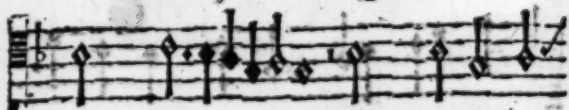


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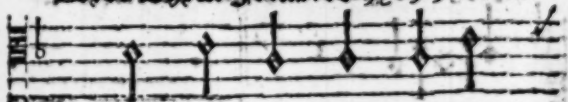
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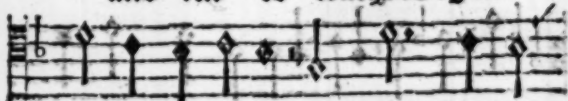
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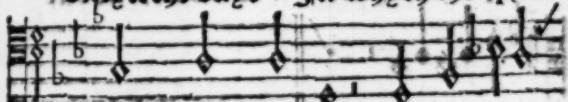
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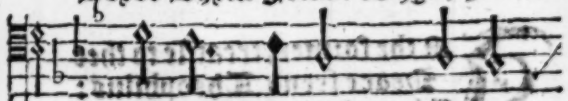
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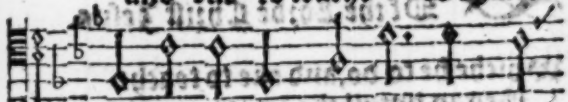
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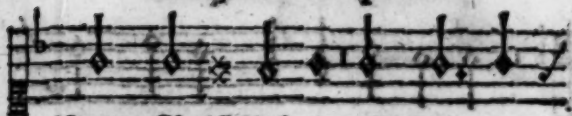


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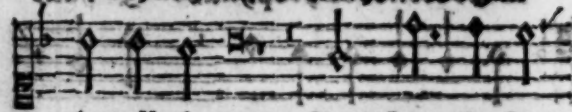
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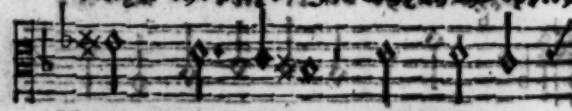
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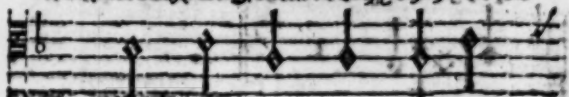
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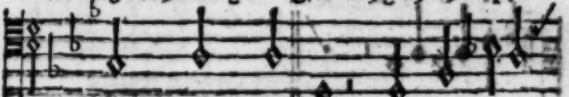
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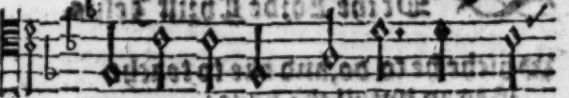
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Deare friend Theophilus:  
I haue written, the verite  
Of the Lorde Christ Iesus.

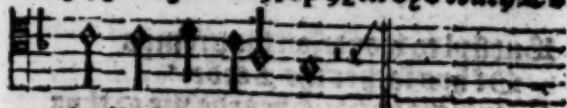
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Began vntyll the daye:  
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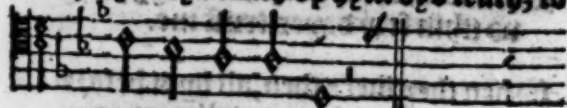
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Dwell aboue for aye.

After that he, had power to do

Even by the holy ghost:

Commandementes, then he gaue vnto

Hys chosen least and moost.

To whome also, hym selfe dyd shew

From death thus to reuiue:

By tokens playne, vnto hys few

Enen fortye dayes alyue.

¶ speaking

## The fyrst Chapter.

Speakyng of Gods, kyngdome w<sup>th</sup> heart  
A bulynge together them:  
Commaundynge them, not to depart  
From that Ierusalem.

But styl to wayte, on the promys  
Of hys father the Lorde:  
Of whiche ye haue, hearde me o<sup>r</sup> thys  
Vnto you make recozde.

For John with water, dyd baptysse  
But ye shall baptysse be:  
Euen with the spate, that is ryghtwysse  
W<sup>th</sup> in few dayes trust me.

When they were then, all hym befoze  
They moued hym to tell:  
If at that tyme, he woulde restoze  
The kyngdome to Israell.

He sayde to them, I do recozde  
The knowledg is not pouer:  
To knowe the tymes, that God the Lorde  
Hath kept in hys owne power.

The holy ghost, receyue shal ye  
Whiche shal teache you to do:  
And ye shal all, my wytnes be  
Ierusalem vnto.

## The fyrst Chapter.

In all Iury, and Samarye  
To wytnes I you sende  
And preache my worde, that shal carpe  
Euen vnto the worldes ende.

When he had sayd, these wordes aloud  
While they behelde the lychtful  
He was bytake, into a cloudes  
Strayght way out of their syght.

And while they lookt, bysted fastly  
To heauen, as he bywent:  
Beholde two men, rode there them by  
And white was their garment.

Which sayde ye men, of Galilee  
Why gale ye by in bayne?  
Thys Iesus thus, by take from ye  
Shal thus come downe agayne.

Then byd retorne, eche one of them  
From Disuet the mount  
A iorney from, Ierusalem  
One Sabboth daye I count.

When they came to, Ierusalem  
A parlare there was byghte  
Where byd abyde, eche one of them  
That I wyll nowe respyght.

Peter

## The fyrst Chapter.

Peter and James, John and Andrieu  
Phillip and the Thomas:  
Bartholome James, Symon Mathew  
Judas that James sounne was.

These all abode, woth one accord  
In supplication spyll:  
And byd desyre, of God the Lorde  
A dys promysse to fulfyll.

And women that, were verken  
Woth them to heauen byd call:  
Besydes the mother, of Jesus  
And she hys bzyethzen all.

In those dayes Peter, stode by stoute  
Emys them all trulye:  
To be to the names, which was aboute  
An hundzeth and twentye.

And sayde ye bzyethzen, the scripture  
Must nedes fulfyll be:  
Whiche Dauid by, the spirite so pure  
Of Judas byd sojerer.

Whiche byd gyde them, that toke Jesus  
To hys confusion sure:  
Whiche numbyed was, for one of vs  
In ministracion pure.

Ans



## The fyrst Chapter.

And now he hath, possesse the grounde  
Of great iniquite:  
Dispayre hath dryuen, hym to confounde  
Hys lyfe vpon a tre.

He brast in two, the mydd about  
Hys body was so strowne:  
Hys bowels all, they gushed out  
As it is ryght wel knowen.

The dwellers at, Ierusalem  
Doth cal the selde thys day:  
Acheldama, the which with them  
The blode selde is to say.

The boke of Psalmes, doth thus declare  
Be hope of hys dwelling place:  
Another shal, euen for hys shars  
Hys byshoppe embrace.

Wherfore of these, the which with vs  
Hath bene in compaignie:  
At all such tymes, as Christ Iesus  
Went in and out vs by,

Euen from the first, Baptisme of John  
Thy Christ went by certayne:  
To witnes we, must ordayne one  
Of Christs ryfynge agayne.

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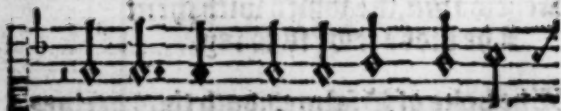
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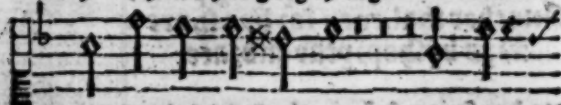
And they ryght soone, appoynted two  
Joseph byght Barlabas:  
Whose surname was, Iustus also  
The other Mathias.

They prayde & sayde: thou Lorde canst tell  
All heartes and them discus:  
Which of these two, shew that thou hast  
Given felowshyp with vs.

That one may exercise, the place  
Of ministration well:



When that the fyrste, daye was run



Whyt sonday full of grace: They came



When that the fyrste, daye was come



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## The .ij. Chapter.

Thappostleship, from which Judas  
By hys transgression fell.

And they gaue forth, their lots with spede  
Which wrought by power fro heauen:  
Mathias was, elect in dede  
And went with the eleven.

THE commynge of, the holy ghost  
Peter dyd preache in peace:  
Euen at Ierusalem, vwhere most  
The faythful dyd encrease



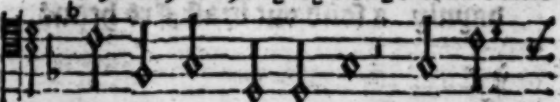
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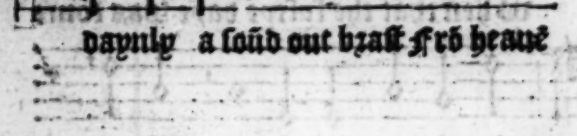


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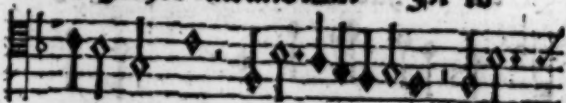
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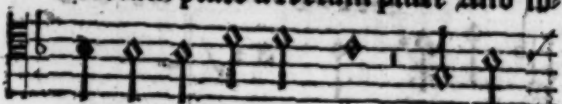
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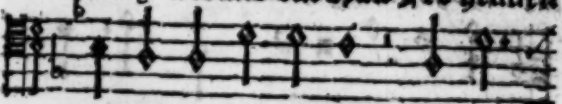
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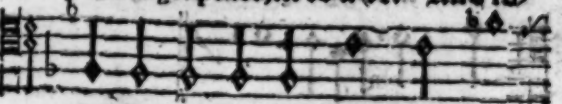
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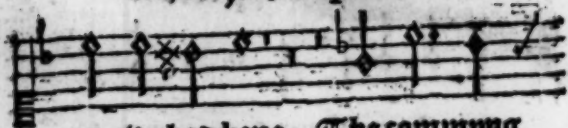
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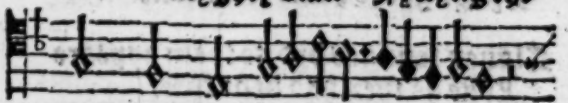
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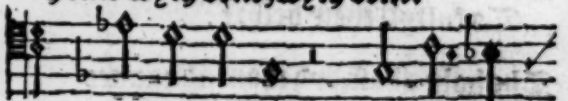
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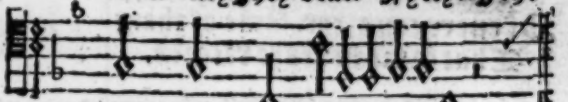
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vpon hitsonday ful of grace:  
They came together, all and some  
Into a certayne place.

And sodaynlye, a sounde out braste  
From heauen as it had bene:  
The commynge of, a myghty blaste  
Fyllynge the house with dene.

Clouen tounge dyd, to them appeare  
Lyke as they had bene fyre:  
And sat vpon them, enery where  
To fulfyll their desyre.

The holy ghost, dyd them aduance  
To tounge ryght wyse and sage:  
Euen as the spirit, gaue utteraunce  
So changed their language.

And there dwelt at, Ierusalem  
Iewes that feared the Lorde:  
Of euery countrey, some of them  
That came to beare recozde.

Now when thys voyce, came thus to pas  
The multitude dyd moze:  
They came together, were it was  
And where amased toze.



## The.ij. Chapter.

For euery one, heard hys owne tounge  
That he had bled longe:  
They wondred all, both olde and younge  
And sayde them selues amonge.

Beholde are not, these men newe sponges  
Euen out of Galile:  
Howe heare we then, eche one his tounge  
As herin ryght hozne were we.

Parthians, Medes, and Elamites  
Mesopotamians:  
And men of Turpe, Eke recyts  
With Capadocians,

The Pontans, and the Asians  
Phrygi and Pamphylie:  
Of Egypt, and the Lybians  
Dwellynge Sirene nere bie.

Straungers of Rome, Iues Proselytes,  
Tharabians sayde thus:  
They spake our tounge, which truly blys  
Of God the workes wondrous.

They were amale, and soze afrayde  
Wondryng at thys straunge syne:  
And other mocked, theim and sayde  
They are full of newe wyne.

B. b.

Peter

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To tounges ryght wyse and sage:  
Euen as the spirit, gaue utteraunce  
So changed their language.

And there dwelt at, Ierusalem  
Iewes that feared the Lorde:  
Of euery countrey, some of them  
That came to beare recoorde.

Now when thys boyce, came thus to pas  
The multitude dyd more:  
They came together, where it was  
And were amased sore.

## The.ij. Chapter.

For euery one, heard hys owne tounge  
That he had bled longe:  
They wondred all, both olde and younge  
And sayde them selues amonge.

Beholde are not, these men netwe spronge  
Euen out of Galile:  
Howe heare we then, eche one his tounge  
As herin ryght hozne were we.

Parthians, Medes, and Elamites  
Mesopotamians:  
And men of Turpe, Eke recyts  
With Capadocians.

The Pontans, and the Asians  
Phrygi and Pamphylie:  
Of Egypt, and the Lybians  
Dwellynge Sirene nere bie.

Straungers of Rome, Iues Proselyts  
Charabians sayde thus:  
They spake our tounge, which truly bles  
Of God the workes wondrous.

They were amale, and soze afrayde  
Wondryng at thys straunge syne:  
And other mocked, them and sayde  
They are full of netwe wyne.

B. v.

Peter

## The.ij. Chapter.

Peter stode vp, the trueth to tell  
Straynyng hys voyce to them:  
Of Iurpe and, to those that dwell  
Euen at Jerusalem.

Be thys wel knowne, vnto you all  
And with your eares heare saye:  
These are not droncke, as ye them call  
Thys thyzde houre of the daye.

But thys it is, that spoken was  
Of the Prophet Ioell:  
In the last dayes, shal come to pass  
Sayth God as I shal tell:

I wyl powze out, sayth God the Lorde  
My spyrite vpon all fleshe:  
Your sonnes and, daughters shal recorde  
Younge men shal se thinges freshe.

Poure olde men shal, dreme drems al-  
Vpon my seruauntes wyl I: (wapes  
Powze out my spyrite, euen in those dayes  
And they shal prophesye.

Wonders in heauen, I wyl prouoke  
And on the earth great chaunge:  
Blode, fyre and the, vapoure of smoke  
Whiche shal appeare ryght straunge.  
The

## The .iiij. Chapter.

The Sunne shal turne, into darknes  
The Moone eke into blood:  
Before the daye, of great Iustices  
The Lorde shal thinke it good.

And it shalbe, euen in those dayes  
Who so wyl mercepe craue:  
And call vpon, the Lorde alwayes  
Doutles he wyl hym saue.

Ye Israelites, be ye not desse  
But heare thys yf ye can:  
The Lorde Iesus, of Nazareth  
Of God approued man.

Amonge you was, miraculus  
Great wonders he dyd shewe:  
God wrought by hym, thynges wondrous  
Emydst of you ye know.

Hym haue ye taken, by the handes  
To scourge hym with a rod:  
After he was, geuen you in bandes  
By the foresyght of God.

Ye haue hym crucified, and slayne  
But God agayne hym rased:  
And loosed hym, from death and payne  
In hym syl to be prayled.

Be

## The.ij. Chapter.

Because it was, impossible  
To withstande his great myght:  
For Dauid which was, credible  
Dyd prophete arpyght.

I sawe God allwayes, besoze me  
He is on my ryght hande:  
That I shoulde neuer, moued be  
My heart dyd vnderstande.

Great ioyes my heart, dyd fele in dede  
My tounge was glad also:  
My fleashe dyd lyue, without all drede  
In hope voyde of all wo.

Because my soule, to make hys mone  
In hell shal not left be:  
He yet suffer, the holy one  
Corruption for to see.

Thou hast of lyfe, shewed me the lyght  
With ioye my heart possesse:  
Euen with, thy countenaunce so bryght  
My soule is brought to rest.

O men and brethren, my wordes marke  
Let me speche frelye haue:  
Euen of Dauid, the Patriarke  
For he lyeth dead in graue,

And

## The.ij. Chapter. II

And hys Sepulchre, doth remaine  
As it is vnto this daye:  
No doubt he was, a Prophet playne  
And knewe what God dyd saye.

Not onely say, but also swere.  
And in hys othe replete:  
The frutes of hys, loynes should prosper:  
And syt vpon hys seate.

In that Christ in, the death should ryse:  
He ryght wel sawe before:  
And sayde he should, ryse by ryght wyse  
And lyue for euer more.

Hys soule shoulde not, be left in hell  
Hys death corrupt nought shal:  
God hath hym rayled, by ryght well  
As herof we wytnes all.

Byns nowe that he, by the ryght hande  
Of God exalted is:  
And by the Lorde, doth vnderstande  
The holy ghostes promys.

Nowe of hys wordes, ye knowe the ende  
As ye may heare and see:  
Dauid to heauen, dyd not ascende  
But truly thus sayde he.

The

## The.ij.Chapter.

The Lorde vnto my Lorde byd saye  
Byt thou on my ryght hande:  
Vntyll I make, thy foete to stape  
Thy foete on them to stonde.

All Israell, knowe thys certayne  
And therein to persylt:  
The same Iesus, whome ye haue sayd  
God hath made Lorde and Christ.

When they hearde thys, their hearts byd  
And sayde Peter vnto: (fall  
And eke to the, Apostles all  
Wherthen what shall we do.

And Peter sayde, to them repent  
And then Baptisme begynne:  
In Christ his name, by whom God sent  
Remission of synne.

We shall receyue, the holy goost  
The promple so byd saye  
To you and yours, in euery coost  
Suche as the Lorde shal call.

We bare wytnes, of great comferte  
Exhortynge them eke one:  
To saue them from, thoutwarde softe  
And generacion.

They



## The .ij. Chapter.

They that his preachynge, dyd imbrace  
were baptyst euen throug out:

There came to them, that day by grace  
Thre thousande soules about.

They dyd folowe, thapostles loze  
Doctrine and compayne:

Breakinge their breade, and euermore  
In prayer certayne tyme.

And eke of every soule the feere  
Of God on them dyd fall:

Wonders and signes, were shewed eche  
By the apostles all. (where

And suche as dyd, beleue Gods wyll  
Together kept in bandes:

To haue all thynges, in comen styl  
They solde theyr goodes and landes.

Departynge them, euen in the Lorde  
As every man had nede:

Seynge dayly, with one accorde  
In the temple in dede.

In euery house, the breade so parte  
Their meate to eate aryght:

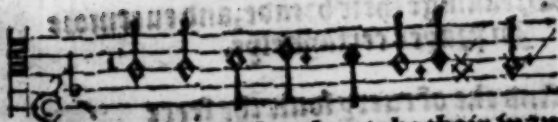
With ioye, and synghenes of hearte,  
Praisinge the God of myght.

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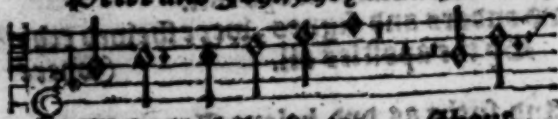
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They had fauour, with every one  
The Lord added vnto the  
Congregation  
Suche as would be saued her.

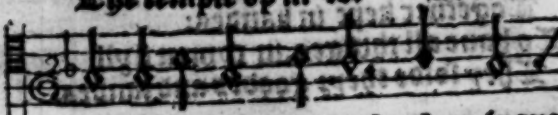
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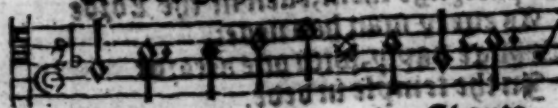
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## The .liii. Chapter.

THE halfe restored, is certayne  
Euen to his perfecte strength:  
And Peter preched, Chryst right playne  
As yet shall reade at length.

**P**eter and John, they toke theyr way  
The Temple vp into:  
About the ninth, houre for to pray  
As they were wont to do,

A certain man, both hale and lame  
Euen from his birth right pore:  
They brought and layde, dayly the same  
Euen at the Temple doore,

Whiche is called, the Beautifull  
That he myght almesse craue:  
Of them that went, to the Temple  
Some helpe of them to haue.

And when he sawe, Peter and John  
Wpght nere the Temple doore:  
They almesse he, byd are anon  
And they both byd hym beu.

And sayd to hym, take thou on vs  
And be well apayde:  
Dopping of them, to haue almesse  
But Peter to hym sayde.

### The. iii. Chapter;

Syluer and golde, nowe haue I none  
But suche as God gaue me:  
By vertue of, the holy one  
The same geue I to thee.

Nowe in the name, of Christ Iesus  
Of Nazareth sayle:  
In company, to walke with vs  
And prayse the Lorde most wysse

He take hym then, by the ryght hande  
And lyfte hym vp at length:  
Upon his feete, he straighthe dyd stande  
His bones receiued strength.

And he did springe, stande, walke & stonde  
In at the temple doore:  
Leppynge, praylynge, euen with his bare  
The synnys Lorde therfore.

The people all, dyd hym well see  
Prayse God for his good stonde  
And they knewe well, that it was he  
Whiche begged at the gate.

They were fylled with great wondrousnes  
And were amased sore:  
Euen at this mans, todayne healyng  
That was so lame before.

This

## The .iii. Chapter.

Thys healed hale, helde fast also  
Euen of Peter and John:  
The people ranne, to them into  
The Doore of Salomon.

When Peter sawe, them wonder to  
These wordes to them he spake:  
Ye Israelites, I say of whome  
This monying do ye make.

Whyppe loke ye with steadfastnes  
On vs: as we coulde not  
By our owne power, or holynes  
Thys cure this man buye.

The God of Abraham and Isaac  
And Jacob thys hath done:  
God of our fathers, without lacke  
Hath glorified hys soune.

Jesus whom once, refused ye  
In Pilates present, playne:  
When he had iudged, hym to be  
Loosed from deach and payne.

But ye denyed, the holy one  
A murderere ye saue:  
And kepylled, the lord alone  
Whys tye ye woulde not haue.

Can. Wyllys

## The. iii. Chapter.

Whiche God hath rased, from the dead  
Wherof we wyenes can:  
Through faith in his name confirmed  
His name vpon this man.

Whom he dyd see, and knowe also  
When sayd in hym dyd ryle:  
Which faith hath geuen, this man unto  
His heath before your eyes.

Nowe deere bretheren, I knowe that ye  
Haue done this wicked dede:  
Through ignorance, as semeth me  
Whiche dyd your rulers leade.

But God before hande, he dyd vnder  
And eke his prophetes wylled:  
To teache that Christ, the deach shoulde be:  
Which he hath now fulfilled.

Repent ye now, I say repent  
And turne to be this day:  
That all your synnes, nowe euident,  
May cleane be done away.

For when the tyme of refreshing  
Shall come to vs with spede;  
In presentes of, the Lord and King  
Above all kynges in dede.

And

### The. iii. Chapter,

And when God shall, hym send the day  
Before preached to vs:  
Vnto you all, which is to say  
The Lorde and Christ Iesus.

Whiche must haue heauen, butyll al thyng  
Which he hath spoken playne:  
By prophetes syns, the first begynnyng  
Restored be agayne.

For Moyses to, the fathers sayde  
The Lorde sayle by wyl he:  
A prophete, vnto you for ayde  
Much lyke myn vnto me.

Hym shall ye heare, and not controule  
But in his wordes reioyce:  
The tyme wyl come, that every soule  
Which wyl not heare his voyce.

Shalbe destroyed, without all doubt  
Which tyme wyl not be longe:  
That all such shall, be cleane thynne out  
The people from amonge.

The prophetes all, syns Samuell  
And thence forth hath alwayes:  
Tolde of the truth, ryght passyng well  
And the spake of these dayes.

The

## The. iiii. Chapter. dT

The prophetes chyl dren, all are yours and  
That by the couenants came; as also  
To our fathers, whiche God dyd you  
And sayde to Abraham:

In thy seide shall, the kyngdes all  
On earth be blest in vs;  
First vnto you, God dyd by call  
Hys onely sonne Iesus.

And hym he hath sent vnto you  
Eche one of you to blesse:  
That euery one of you shoulde now  
Tourne from hys wickednesse.

THE Apostles were, in prison cast  
They were to preache for God:  
But they toke them, to prayer first  
Renouncyng men for God.

**W**he that the people, taught they had  
There came to them doutles:  
Priestes & rulers, as men me mad  
And eke the Saduces, whom  
Whom



## The. iiii. Chapter. ccl

Whom it dyd grene, that they should moue;  
The people and them leade;  
That Iesus Chryſt, by power aboue  
Shoulde ryſe vp from the deade.

And they layd handes, on the ſtraight way  
And put them all aſyde;  
In priſon ſa, eyll the next day  
For it was then cūctryde.

But thoſe that heard, the worde euen then  
Beleued out of hande;  
The numbꝛe then, of thoſe wonne men  
Was well nye fyue thouſande.

And it chaunced, the next day was  
Scheruler and Elder;  
The Scribes Annas, and eke Cayphas  
John and Alexander.

And eke all thoſe, that were with them  
There of the hye pꝛieſtes kyn;  
Then gathered at, Jeruſalem  
Where they were then brought in.

And when they ſtoode, before the ſame  
They axed them ſayinge:  
Shew by whole power, oz in whole name  
That you haue done thys thyng.

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Peter

## The. iiii. Chapter.

Peter full of, the holy goost  
Sayde vnto them right well  
Ye ruleth all, both least and most  
And chiefe of Israell.

If we this day, must testyfy  
Of the good dede and dole:  
Delt to the sicke, man and eke by  
What meanes he is made whole.

Be it well knownen, to them that lyue  
And ye that rulers be:  
That in the name, of Iesus Christ  
Of Nazareth worke we.

Whom ye haue, crucified and slayne  
God hath from death now rapted:  
By whom this man, is whole certayne  
The Lord therfore be prayed.

This is the chiefe stone can abyde  
Of you that builders be:  
Which in the chiefe place shall abyde  
Of the corners lay we.

For neyther is there, saluacion  
In any sauynge be:  
Nor other name, there is not one  
Wherin made safe we be.

when

## The. iiii. Chapter.

When they behelde, the boldnes then  
Of Peter and of John:  
And knewe them bothe, vblearned men  
And lay people eche one,

They byd much muse, and knewe iustly  
That they were with Iesu:  
And byd beholde, the man stand by  
The whiche was healed new.

Commandynge them, to stande asyde  
And from theyr counsell goo:  
Consulting there, and sayde proude  
With these men what to do.

A wondrous signe, is done by them  
And eke is iustly knowne:  
To all them in, Ierusalem  
The thyng abode is bloune.

But that they shall, hence forth therfore  
No further nople the same:  
Let vs charge them, to speke no more  
To no man in his name.

They gaue to them, commandment new  
That they shoulde no man ayde:  
To preache or teache, of their Iesu  
But Peter and John sayde,

## The, iiii. Chapter. .ciii.

If it be right, as ye thinke it  
In syght of God the Lorde  
poue wordes to kepe, Gods to omite  
Judge ye and so recorde.

For we wyll speake, the truthe euen so  
Wherof we knowe the grounde:  
They thretened them, and let them go  
No faulte in them was founde.

The people also, prayd God  
The lame away went rounde:  
Who was of age, full forty and odd  
Whiche was made whole and sounde.

As soone as they were then let go  
They to theyr felowes went:  
Expressing their, great payne and mo  
And eke imprisonment.

By the hye Priestes, and elders all  
And what to them they sayde:  
When they heard that, they loude dyd call  
And gaue God thanks for ayde.

And sayde thou Lorde, thou God of blys  
Madd heauen and earth for vs;  
The sea and all, that therein is  
By whom Dauid sayde thus.

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## The. iiii. Chapter.

Why dyd the heathen, fume and free  
What rage in them now sprynges  
Why dyd the Iuiſhe, people let  
Theyr myndes vpon bayne thinges.

The Kynges and Rulers, dyd perſiſt  
In wycked counsell longe:  
Agaynſt the Lorde, and his ſonne Chyſt  
Which he ſent vs amonge.

For of a trueth, agaynſt the Lorde  
Whom thou annoynted haſt:  
Herod, Pilate, with one accorde  
Held with the Gentils faſt,

The people eke, of Iſracell  
Increased more and more:  
To do what thy, handes and counsell  
Determined befoze.

Nowe Lorde beholde, theyr thzeatnyng  
And graunt to thy elect: (ſworde  
With conſydence, to ſpeake thy worde  
Good Lorde do vs protect.

So that thine hand, ſtretch forth the ſame  
Dealyng and ſignes to vs:  
That we do wonders in the name  
Of thy detye ſonne Ieſus.

## The, iiii. Chapter.

As soone as they, had prayed anone  
The place began to shake:  
They were full of, the holy one  
The worde boldly they spake,

The multitude, that dyd belene  
Were of one spyte and harte:  
Eche one to other sylly dyd geue  
In commen they dyd parte.

And with great power, they dyd witnes  
The resurrection all:  
Of Iesu Christ, yea and doubtles,  
Great grace on them dyd fall.

Not one amonge, them all dyd lacke  
For who had house and land  
Solde all and dyd, kepe nothyng backe  
To haue in his owne hande.

They layde all downe, at the fete than  
Of chapposles in dede:  
Distributyng to every man  
Accordyng to his nede.

Joses who was, of an olde womne  
Of chapposles eche one:  
Called Barnabas, whiche is the sonne  
Of Consolacion.

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## The. iiii. Chapter.

A Leuite borne, woulde not do yll  
Had lande and eke solde it:  
And layd the pryce, done with good wyll  
At the Apostles feet.

## The Contentes.

ANANIAS intruth was knowne

And his wyues to theyr shames  
Thappostles were, in pryson throwne  
Reloyfyng in the same.

A Certayne man, who was named  
Ananias trulpe:  
With Saphira his wyfe framed  
Unto the Lorde a lye.

Who sellonge then, a pece of lande  
Kept backe part of the pryce:  
The which his wyfe, byd understande  
They wrought with one aduice.

The other part, than layde downe was  
At the Apostles sit:  
And Peter sayde, Ananias  
By what meanes chaunceth it.

That

## The. v. Chapter.

That Sathan hath, filled thyne harte  
To cause thee thus to lye:  
Unto the holy, ghost and parte  
Of thy lynelode denye.

Pertayned it not, to thee that howze  
And after it was solde:  
Was not the parte, in thyne owne powze  
That thou dost now withholde.

How chaunceth it, that thou shouldst then  
Thus byng thy selfe to mo:  
Thou hast not lyed, onely to men  
But vnto God also.

And when he was, truly thus tryed  
His doinges was abhorde:  
He straight gaue vp, the ghost and dyed  
For trislyng with the Lorde.

Great feare then came, vpon ech heade  
That this did heare and see:  
The yonge men role, vp and him lead  
Where he should burid be.

And it chaunced, within the space  
Of thre houres this was done:  
His wyfe not knowyng came in place  
Apperayng there right soone.

And



## The. v. Chapter. II

And Peter sayde, to her tell me  
Solde ye the lande for this?  
And she ryght soone, to hym sayde ye  
I haue sayde as it is:

Then Peter sayde, I wyll recorde  
That ye dyd both consene:  
To tempt the spire, of God the Lorde  
As it is cudent:

Beholde the fete, of them that haue  
Buried thy make this daye:  
Be redy to, put thee in graue  
Then she fell dead stragghe way.

The yongemen then, came in and founde  
Her dead lyinge at hande:  
They bare her forth, and in the grounde  
Layde her by her husbände.

And therewith came, on them great feare  
That sawe this done of ryght:  
Euen on all these, that then were there  
To see that fearefull syght.

By the Apostles handes was wrought  
Ryght straunge and wondrous thynges,  
Amonge the people, which then sought  
To heare the good rydynges.  
With

## The. v. Chapter.

With one accorde they all were gone  
To prayse the; Hoꝛde and kynges;  
Within the porche, of Salomon  
And that with thanks genyng.

Of rhoether soꝛt, there was not one  
Durst ioyne hym selfe them ro:  
And yet of them, some longe had gone  
To learne the best to do,

The numbꝛe of, those men that dyd  
Belene the Hoꝛde his loꝛe;  
Men and women, God be praysed  
Encreased moꝛe and moꝛe.

That in so much, they bꝛought bedstꝛedes  
Foz sicke into the stretes;  
And some were layde, in standynge beddes  
And eke some in palleres.

That at the leaſt, Peter myght come  
Nye to them that lay theret;  
When he came by, to shadowe some  
Of them that soꝛe sycke were.

There came also, a multitude  
From cities rounde about;  
To Ierusalem, to seclude  
Sycknes from them thoroughout.

And

## The. v. Chapter.

And such as were, vexed each there  
With unclean spirits each one:  
Were brought to them, then every tober  
And were made whole anone.

The chiefe priest then, rose by centes  
And all that with hym were:  
Which is the sect, of Saduces  
Who then dyd stampe and scare.

Of thapostles, not one went quight  
In prison they were set:  
The Angell of, the Lorde by nyght  
Them out of prison let.

And brought them forth, & the sayde than  
Go steepe forth and speake yfe:  
Within the Temple to every man  
The wordes now of this lyfe.

Whē they heard that, they with good will  
Into the Temple went:  
Soone in the moone, for to fulfill  
The Lordes commandment.

The chiefe priest came, and they that were  
With hym in that forenoone:  
And called counsell, to them there  
To know, what myght be done.

## The. v. Chapter.

Then of the children, of Israel  
The elders were also:  
Of them that sat, three in counsell  
And bade some for them go.

When they then went, to them that had  
The pylson then in care:  
They byd retourne, as men nye mad  
Shut was the pylson care.

The keepers standyng at the doze  
To wayte vpon theyr charge:  
And yet of them, they had no poze  
God hath set them at large.

When the chiefe priest, and he that is  
Euen of the temple chiefe:  
And eke the hye priestes, heard of this  
They mused with muche greife.

Then came one forth, and sayde beholde  
Those that in pylson were:  
Stand in the churche, and are full bolde  
To teache the people there.

The ruler went, with diligence  
And ministers of trust:  
Which brought them with out violence  
For they feared the wrath,  
Let

## The v. Chapter

Left that the people, shoulde them stand  
And so they purpose saye: **anon**  
They brought them secretly alone: **and**  
Before the whole multitude. **anon**

**Then** whiche of them sayde to them a large  
Be ye not worthy blame: **anon**  
Sith that we dyd, you straightly charge  
Not to reache in this game: **anon**

Beholde he sayde, then unto them: **ad**  
The Lorde of house Jesus: **anon**  
Hath fylled all, Jerusalem: **anon**  
To drynge his blood on us: **anon**

Peter and John, they coulde not saye: **ad**  
But holdely sayde each the other: **anon**  
We sought of ryght, God to obayn: **ad**  
Before you that are men: **anon**

The God of our fathers rayled: **anon**  
Jesus our helpe to be: **anon**  
Whom ye haue layne, and cke hanged: **ad**  
Unjustly: **anon**

God rayled hym, with his ryght hande:  
To saue such as repent: **anon**  
That Iseall, myght vnderstande: **anon**  
His mercy to them sent: **anon**  
**and** **D. H.** **and**

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And we be recordez of this cosse,  
Concernyng our comfort:  
And eke also, the holy ghost  
Guen to the loyall soyl.

They hearpyng that, their wrath did swell  
And soughe meannes them to slepe  
Then rode by one, of theyr counsell  
An auncient pharisey.

Who was named, Samasell  
A doctoꝝ of the lawe:  
Amonges them all, he byd excell  
Of whom they rode in awe.

He byd commaunde, to put asyde  
Thapposles then straight way:  
That none of them shulde there abyde  
To heare what he woulde say.

Ye men of Israell, take hede  
Beware what ye entende:  
Agaynst these men, oꝝ ye procede  
Marke tohat wyll be the ende.

Before these dayes, one Theudas  
Arose with bygge and host:  
Foure hundred men, then slayne ther was  
There gathered in hys host.

And

## The. v. Chapter.

And all the rest, that there abode  
That vnto hym had sought: as they  
Were scattered here, and there abode:  
And straght way brought to nought.

And after that, arose a man  
Judas of Galile: when tribute fyll,  
With them began: then thynkyng to be free.

So that much people to hym dyd  
Which was to theyr decaye:  
For death to hym, dyd then ensue  
He slayne they fled away.

And now I say, refrayne you then  
And let these men alone:  
For yf theyr counsell, be of men  
He wyll decay anone.

But yf it be, of God certayne  
Ye can it not deface:

But shalbe founde, to stryue in bayne  
And fight against Gods grace.

And then to hym, they dyd agree  
And called the Apostles all:  
They bete them all, none dyd scape  
Such chance to them dyd fall.

D. v.

And

# The .v. Chapter.

And gaue them; commandment saying  
When they had bene thus sayd  
To speake no more of theyr Jesus  
And then they let them go

From that counsell, they dyd departe  
And besoughte in the sayntes  
That they woulde geve such praye  
Onely for Christ his name

And in the temple, they dyd teach  
The truch plaine so dyscreitly  
In every house, all they preache  
The lorde, and Christ, Jesus all

And now they had chosen  
DEACONS to minister

To the word, as Stephen  
And the Apostles, to the word

Stephen was accused in the synagoge  
By some of the Jews

In those dayes as the synagoge  
Was called the synagoge

Of the disciples grete  
And they were called the twelve

And they dyd teach  
And they were called the twelve

And they were called the twelve



## The. vi. Chapter.

Amongst the Brekes, agaynst Thebines  
They: wyddomes delppynge  
Woulde not alowe, but them refuse  
In dayly ministringe.

The twelue called, the multitude  
Of the disciples all:  
Together then, they had conclude  
And sayde to great and small.

It is not meete, that we shoulde take  
And from Gods worde to swerue:  
For that we shoulde, our selues betake  
The tables for to serue.

Wherfore brethren, amongst you sele  
Seven men of honest fame:  
Full of the spire, and wysdome che  
To take in hande the same.

But we our selues, wyll wyll apply  
For carynge for the boorde  
To play and preache continually  
And minister the worde.

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## The. vi. Chapter

Unto these wordes, of good effect  
Agred bothe least and most  
And saythfull Steuen, was then elect  
Full of the holy Ghost.

Philip Prochor, and Hermenas  
With Nican dyd appoche:  
So dyd Simon, and Nicolas  
Conuerter of Antioche.

Before thapostles in theyr state  
Not wayed by goodes or landes;  
But after prayer, were appostrate  
By laying on of handes.

The word of God, increased wyth  
The numbre then was such:  
That the disciples multiplied  
Within Iherusalem much.

They to Ierusalem left, they dyd repaire  
And so dyd many a more;  
Whiche then became obedient  
Unto the sayth of Christ.

And Steuen then full, of sayth and power  
Great wonders shewed he:  
So that the people encreasid more  
Strange miracles myght se.

The. vi. Chapter.

Out of the Synagoge dyd I see  
Some sectes of hypocrites:  
The libertines, one sect we clepe  
Another Synhypocrites.

Lyke wyse of Alexandria  
And men bothe more and fewer:  
Of Cilice and of Asia  
Disputed wylly with Steven.

The spirite they coulde, not overcome  
So God dyd hym aduance:  
With great knowledge, & hygh wylsom  
Suche was then his vntaunce.

They sent in men, his wordes to trye  
Whiche came and sayde doubtles:  
We hearde hym speake, blasphemously  
Against God and Moyses.

And they dyd moue, the people therto  
The Scribes and elder sorte:  
With force to bynge, hym in daungers  
By meanes of false report.

Before the counsell, they hym brought  
And matters dyd demyte:  
As false witness, had they out songht  
Whiche was nothing but lyes.

D. v.

And

## The. vii. chapter. .srit

And sayde this man, wyl not refrayne  
Blasphemous wordes to sounde:  
Thys holy place, he doth disdayne  
Our lawe thus confounde.

Thus he in effectes, with payson breeth  
Our fayth for to deface;  
And sayth Ielus, of Nazareth  
Shall soone destroy this place:

And so shall change the ordynance  
That Moyses gaue to vs;  
Which is to vs, no small grevance  
By meanes of this Ielus.

The councell then, in that they sawe  
Dyd hate hym in theyr harte;  
And yd beholde his face yfawne  
Most lyke an Angell bright.

STEVEN then, thus answerd, doth not refuse  
To his accusers charge;  
And doth rebuke the wycked lye  
They do hym stowe to death.

**T**hen sayde the chiefe priest, it is so  
Ye men and the bretherne  
And all ye fathers hearken unto  
My wordes and then discern.

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The. viii. Chapter. v. 31

There hyd appear; to Abraham; that God  
The God of great glorie; and aial  
Before that he; dwelt in Carran; with him  
In Mesopotamie; and in myri; our

And sayde to hym; come out of harte; our  
From the hyn and comere; and more  
Make harte and come; into the lande; our  
Whiche I shall shewe to thee; and more

Out of the lande; then of Caldye; our  
He returned hith; with speed; in myri; our  
The Lordes commandment; to obey; our  
Dwelt in Carran in dede; in myri; our

Some alreedy; shall vnderstande; our  
As his father was deader; our  
He brought hym then; into the lande; our  
Where now e you lyte ye leade; our

He gaue hym none; inheritance; in myri; our  
For the foor; by birth; by name; our  
But promysed; he wold; aduance; our  
Hym to possesse the same; in myri; our

Welyde all this; yet neuer; helde; our  
A promette he made free; our  
Unto his self; that to possesse; our  
Wherper he shold; have; our

and

God

The, vii. Chapter. v. 311

God without doubt, spake on this wise  
His seed should dwell and live  
With strangers, that should them despise  
And them in bondage kepe;

And to re scourge, them cruelly  
Foure hundred yeres which they dwelt  
But yet those people, soon will  
Judge say, the lying God

And after that, I will them plant  
To set me ever to be  
And then he gave, him the covenant  
Of circumcision there;

And he began, to take the stone  
And dyd hym circumcise  
At the eighth day, it was so done  
And Isaac in like wise

Begat Jacob, all this is sayd  
And with well knowing of clarkesse  
Howe that Jacob, by the scripture  
Begat twelve Patriarkes;

The Patriarkes, then in theyr ages  
Joseph to Egypt solde  
From all distress, in that place  
God dyd hym then with holde  
And

The, vii. Chapter,

And gaue hym grace, and great wysdome  
In Pharos syght the kynge  
Who dyd appoint hym in great some  
To rule in every thyng.

Then came a dearth, in all the lande  
Egypt and Canaan:  
Therof the grieve, could not withstande  
Lackynge the foode of man.

Our fathers in, theyr scarfere  
Hauyng no sustenance:  
In Egypt heard, that corne shoulde bee  
Jacob made puruance.

And fyrst sent out, enen his sonnes thre  
The seconde tyme also:  
To his brethren, Joseph was knowne  
And they eke to pharo.

Then Joseph wolde, his father bere  
As he had well foresene:  
And all his kyn, to be brought nere  
Thyscore soules and fyfene.

Joseph to Egypt descended  
And our fathers enen them:  
Whiche died and were, all translated  
Eche one into his kyn.

And

The, vii. Chapter, cont

And were put in, the Sepulchre, and God  
That Abraham bought free,  
For coine of the sonnes of Ham,  
In Sichem layde to rest,

And when the tyme, of promys drew  
Nye which that God had swoyne,  
To Abraham, the people grew  
In Egipte that were boyne,

Untyll another kynge arose,  
Which not of Joseph knewe,  
Fell craftely, the same dyd close  
Our kynred to subdue,

And dyd entreate, our fathers yll  
And made them cast our playne,  
Their children yonge, they: to us to spyll  
That none shoulde there remaine,

And in that tyme, boine was Moyses  
A fayre chyld in Goddes syghes,  
Which in his fathers, house dwelles  
Thre monthes was fed a yghte,

And then cast on, the water dyke  
The doughter of Pharo:  
Dyd take hym up, and dyd hym kepe  
For her owne sonne also,



The. vii. Chapter.

He was well lene, in the tyme  
Of the Egyptians gyfte  
Ryght stronge in dedes, he dyd become  
And in his wordes ryght wys.

When he of age, was forty yere  
Then in his heart dyd dwelle  
A loue to seke, hys bretherne bene  
Chyldren of Israell.

And when he sawe, one suffer wronge  
Euen of his bretherne dere  
Hym to defende, he bode not longe  
As ye shall after here.

He dyd the Egyptian ouerthrowe  
That dyd his brother smyghe  
Thynkynge his bretherne, well to knowe  
And vnderstande a ryght.

That God the Lord, euen by hys hande  
They shoulde prepare:  
Which none of them, dyd vnderstande  
The story darsh declare.

The next day then he dyd aspyre  
To say them in theyr wyse  
To make them frendes, was his desyre  
In loue to leade theyr lyfe.

And

## The. vii. Chapter.

And said to them, with wordes right wise  
Syth eche is others brother:  
The fonder is the entrecypse  
For one to hurt an other.

But he that dyd his neighbour wronge  
Thrust hym away saying:  
Who made the ruler, vs amonge  
To rule in every thyng.

I well perceiue, thou wylt me kyll  
As thou dydst yester day:  
The Egypcian, hys blond to spyll  
And so make me away.

At those wordes Moyses, fled anone  
As he thought best to do:  
Into the lande, of Madian  
Where begat sonnes two.

When fourty yeres were past away  
An Angell dyd recorde:  
In wyldernes, of mount Synay  
To hym from God the Lorde.

Within a flame, of burnyng fyre  
Which lyghted in a bushe:  
And caused Moyses, to drawe nere  
To se that fyre flushe,

And

## The. vij. Chapter.

And as he drue, nye to beholde

The voyce of God downe came:

Which sayd to him, with wordes ful bolde  
Thy fathers God I am.

I am the God, of Abraham

The Lorde vnto hym sayde:

Isaack and Jacobs, God I am

Which Moyses soze desmayde.

He trembled and, durst not draue nere

Suche feare on hym dyd fall:

Then sayde the Lorde, nowe Moyses herke

And marke what say I shall.

Put of thy shoofe, euen out of hande

Let it be done with spede:

The grounde wheron, thy feete do stande

Is holy grounde in dede.

Byght perfectly, I do nowe see

The henynes appere:

Of my flocke that, in Egypt bee

And eke theye growyng there.

And I am come, them to defende

And save for euer moze:

Wherefoze beholde, I do the sende

Into Egypt therfoze.

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This

## The. vij. Chapter.

This is Moyses, to whom they sayde  
Who made thee here a ruler;  
The same God sent to them for ayde  
To rule and eke deliuer.

Euen by the handes, of the Angell  
Which in the bushe dyd lyght:  
The same brought them, out passyng well;  
And shewed straunge thynges in lyght.

In Egypt wonders, dyd appere  
And in the red see flete:  
In wyldernes men sawe thynges clere  
Full forty yeres complete.

This is Moyses, the which dyd tell  
And also make repore:  
To the childzen, of Israell  
These wordes of muche comfort.

A Prophet shall, the Lorde for ye  
Rayle by ryght good and iust:  
Euen of your brethzen, lyke to me  
Hym shall ye heare and trust.

And in the congregacion  
Thys Moyses was doutles:  
And hearde the voyce of God alone  
Euen in the wyldernes.

Whiche

## The, vii. Chapter.

Whiche then dyd talke, assuredly  
With chaungell of the Lorde:  
Upon mount Synay, certainly  
Our fathers doth recozde.

The worde of lyfe, receyued he  
To geue to vs was sent:  
Our fathers wolde, in no wyse be  
To hym obedient.

But thrust hym from, them with despyght  
Theyr heartes turned eche one:  
Into Egypt, to go with myght  
And sayde vnto Aron.

Make gods for vs, both more and les  
For we can not discus:  
What is become of this Moyses  
That from Egypt brought vs.

To make a Calfe, this was theyr choyce  
And offred sacrifice:  
Vnto the same, and dyd reioyce  
In that theyr owne deuyce.

Then turned God, from them truly  
And gaue them vp with thretes:  
To worshyp starres, within the skye  
Foresayde of the prophetes.

## The. vij. Chapter.

O ye the house, of Israell  
Gane ye your Sacrifices:  
Greate offerynges forty yeres to tell  
Within the wylernes.

Soone dyd ye take, and not defarre  
The tabernacle than:  
Of Moloch ye, and eke the starre  
Of your great God Remphan.

Figures to whom, oft ye dyd hold  
And worshyp them eche one:  
Wherefore I wyl translate all you  
Beyond great Babylon.

The tabernacle, our fathers had  
Within the wylernes:  
As he appoynted, and them had  
Speakynge unto Moyses.

That he shoulde make, it accordynge  
As he before dyd see:  
The which our fathers receyving  
Broughe in with Josue.

Into the lande, of the gentils  
Whiche God diane out and chyde:  
Before our fathers, as exyls  
Till the tyme of David,

Which

## The. vij. Chapter.

Which fauour found, with God the Lord  
Despyng then that he:  
Myght fynde an house, of meete accord  
For Jacobs God to be.

An house for hym, buyt Salomon  
But yet the best I ken:  
Dwelth not in temples, made of stone  
Wrought by the handes of men.

As he declareth by his wyse  
The Prophet saying this:  
Heauen is my seat, where on I sit  
The earth my fote stole is,

What house then wyll, ye me behest  
Sayth God tell you I shall:  
Whiche is the place, then of my rest  
Hath not my hande made all,

Ye styffe neckt all, both least and most  
With heartes and cares ye seke:  
Styll to resyst, the holy Ghost  
As dyd your fathers eke.

The Prophetes all, your fathers loze  
Nedes persecute them must:  
And eke slewe them, which taught before  
The commynge of the iust,  
E.iii, Whose

## The. vij. Chapter.

Whose murtherers, and traytours now  
ye are and to them knit:

The Angels gaue, the lawe to you  
And ye haue not kept it.

When they hearde this, great was theyr  
Theyr heartes did cleaue in two: (grete  
Bnashyng on hym, euen with their tethe  
And knewe not what to do.

He was full of, the holy ghost  
His eyes to heauen dyd stande:  
Whiche sawe the glory, of the Lord  
And Chryst on his ryght hande.

And sayde beholde, the heauens I se  
Appere for my lpyelod:  
And eke the sonne, of man to be  
At the ryght hande of God.

Then they cryde out, with rozyng voyces  
And slopt theyr cares and byeth:  
Thus in theyr rage, they toke their choyce  
And stoned hym to death.

The witnesses, theyr clothes downe layde  
Then at a mans feete euen: (sayde  
Whose name was Saule, whiche then as  
With them to stone good Steven.  
Which



## The. vii. Chapter.

Whiche cryde and sayd, Lord Christ Iesta  
Receyue my spzite this daye:  
He kneted downe, all this is crew  
And on this wyse dyd saye.

Lay not thys sinne, Lorde to theyr charge  
Thus he dyd call and clepe:  
Of that theyr sinne, them to discharge  
And so he fell a slepe.

¶ Howe Philip came to Samary  
Simon the whiche dyd sayne:  
Phylp dyd baptysse wyllingly  
Eunuch the chamberlayne.

**T**he death of Steuen did Saule come  
Who dyd agree with them: (foze  
That would haue slayne, the godly  
Then at Ierusalem. (foze

Scattered they were, both far and nye  
And throughe the regions crept:  
Of Iury and, of Samary  
The twelue onely except.

Wenoute there were, that dressed Steuen  
Of whom stones brake eche lym:  
Besydes theyr oymntmentes, to hym geuen  
They dyd wepe ouer hym.

E.iii.

But

## The. viij. Chapter.

But of the congregacion than  
Saul spared no mans lyfe:  
But sought the house, of euery man  
And dyewe out man and wyfe.

In pryson fast, he dyd them place  
But those that went about:  
Dyd preache the worde, of lyfe and grace  
Euen as they went throughtout.

And Philyppe came, a cytie to  
Whiche was of Samarye:  
And preached Chyrst, as he to do  
Had power geuen from an hye.

The people then, with one accorde  
Hys words ryght well out sought:  
In that they sawe, that God the Lorde  
Strange thynges by him had wrought.

For vnclene sprites, with roryng voyce  
Came out of sundry men:  
That were possesed, and had no choysse  
But cald on Philyp then.

The palseyes he, dyd heale also  
And therof was not coye:  
The halt he healed, that coulde not go  
In whom became great ioye.

A certayne

## The, viij. Chapter.

A certayne man, there was whose name  
Was Simon truth to tell:  
Which here tofoze, the very same  
In witchcraft dyd excell.

Who the people, bewyght tofoze  
That dwelt in Samarye:  
And eke repozte, he coulde do moze  
Great thynges Miraculouſly.

He was had in, great reuerence  
Of all that there abode:  
Whiche ſayde no dout, he doth commence  
The myghty power of God.

Because of his, countynuaunce  
By hym they ſet muche hye:  
He mocked them, and dyd aduauces  
Hym ſelfe with ſozcery.

Whē philipes words, they dyd well vnderſtand  
Who taught of Gods kyngdome:  
And in the name, of Chryſt Jeſu  
Baptized they dyd become.

Simon hym ſelfe, dyd then beleue  
And baptized was alſo:  
Abdyng ſyll, by philipes ſleue  
And woulde not from hym go.

E, v,

But

## The. viij. Chapter.

But wondred much, then to beholde  
The signes that he dyd se:  
And miracles, so manyfolde  
By Philip done to be.

Thapostles hearyng, that were glad  
Then at Jerusalem:  
That Samarye, recetued had  
The worde of God to them.

And sent Peter, and John a ryght  
To them into that coast:  
Who when they came, prayde that they  
Receyue the holy ghost. (myght)

Whiche was as yet, on them not come  
That shoulde them all renew:  
Baptised they were, both all and some  
Onely in Christ Iesu.

Then dyd they lay, theyr handes ryght  
On them both lest and most: (sone  
And eche man dyd, when that was done  
Receyue the holy gost.

When Symon dyd, beholde and se  
By handes that they dyd lay:  
The holy ghost, receyue myght he  
He offered them money,

And

## The, viij. Chapter.

And sayde also, geue me this potoze  
On whom my handes shall lye:  
He may receyue, euen in that houre  
The holy ghost therby.

Then Peter sayde, whose wordes abhord  
Thy goodes nowe percyphe with thee:  
That thinkst the giftes, of God the Lord  
With goodes well gotten bee.

Thou hast no parte, nor felowshipp  
In this our busynes:  
Thy harte away, from God doth app  
Repent thy wyckednes.

And pray to God, thy thoughtes may fall  
That in thy heart now be:  
For thou art full of bytter gall  
Wrapt in iniquite.

Then Symon sayde, for this my mis  
Lyft vp your heartes with me:  
And pray to God, that none of this  
Unto my charge layde be.

And when that they had testifyde  
And taught the worde to them:  
They dyd retorne, that tyme and tyde  
Unto Iherusalem,

And

## The, viij, Chapter.

And they dyd preache, the Gospell sylle  
In cities as they went:  
Through Samary, as was the wyll  
Of hym that had them sent.

The Angell of, the Lorde dyd say  
To Philip and hym lede:  
Aryse, and go, towardes myd day  
Unto the way with spede,

That goth downe from, Ierusalem  
To Baza in desert:  
And he arose, and went on then  
Euen with a lounyng heart,

And now beholde, a man certayne  
Of Ethiopia:  
Which was a noble Chamberlayne  
Then commyng from Baza.

He had the rule of great Substans  
Euen with the Quene Candace:  
Quene of the Ethiopians  
Her tresourer he was,

Ierusalem sayne he woulde get  
Onely therein to pray  
He homewarde ryd, in his Charet  
Of the prophet Esay.

The

## The. viij. Chapter.

The spite of God, to Philip sayde  
Go nere to yonder man:  
And toyne thy selfe, to hym for ayde,  
And Philip to hym ran,

He sawe the booke then in his hande  
And heard hym on it rede:  
And sayde doste thou, now vnderstande  
What thou dost rede in dede.

The Chamberlayne, the truth dyd tell  
And sayde he well espyde:  
He coulde not vnderstande it well  
Except he had a gyde,

Of Philip then, full fayne he were  
And wolde hym to drawe nere:  
And spr with hym, to playne the tere  
That he of hym dyd here,

The Renoz of, the text certayne  
Was this that he dyd saye:  
He as a shepe, led to be slayne:  
And as a lambe downe lay.

Before his Merer, with mekenes  
His mouth not once vnsparde:  
Because of that, his humblenes  
They dyd hym not regarde,

who

The. viij. Chapter,

Who shall declare, and eke expounde  
His generacion playne:

His lyfe is taken from the grounde  
Then sayde the Chamberlayne.

I pray the frende, be thou content  
To open if thou can:

The prophetes wordes, by hym selfe ment  
Or by some other other man.

Philip opened, his mouth so pure  
The truth then to discus:

And dyd begyn, the same scripture  
And taught hym Christ Iesus.

And as they went, wyll on theyr way  
A water he dyd sppe:

The Chamberlayne, to hym dyd say  
Se here thys water bye.

What shal me let, baptysed to be  
Then Philip to hym sayde:

If thou beleue, with heart ryght free  
Thou mayst not be denyde.

He answered him, I do beleue

That Christe is God his sonne:  
Wyllng the Charer, not to meue  
Iyll that good worke were donne.

They



## The .ix. Chapter.

They with good wyll, went downe bothe  
And in the water were: the wyne  
Bothe Philip and, the Chamberlayne  
Whom Philip baptised there.

This done they dyd, come out agayne  
The spite of Godly loze:  
Toke Philip from, the chamberlayne  
He coulde se hym no moze.

Then on his waye, he passed thus  
Retorsyng in his heart:  
And Philip was founde, at Azotus  
The people to conuert.

And he dyd walke, the countrey all  
Breathynge continually:  
In all theyr cyties, taught vntyll  
He came to Cesarye.

## The Contentes.

¶ Paule is conuerted to the Lords  
The Iues he doth confounde:  
Tabythas lyse, Peter restorde  
when she lay dead on grounde.

Saule

The .ix. Chapter.

**S**aul breathing out, threarnings as  
The faithfull to resist: (b206)  
Agaynst thelect, of God the Lorde  
Went vnto the hye priest.

And earnestly, dyd hym desyre  
His letters to graunt out:  
Vnto Damasco to enquire  
The Sinagoges about.

To fynde Such as, on Christ belceues  
Man or woman of them:  
That he myght byng, the bossid as thence  
Vnto Ierusalem.

But as he went, and was come nye  
Damasco for this thynge:  
He was beset, then sodaynly  
With lyght from heauen thynnyng.

And strayght vnto, the earth fell he  
And hearde a voyce recorde  
Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me  
He sayde what art thou Lorde.

Then sayde the Lorde, Iesus I am  
Whom thou dost tolle and turne:  
It wyll be harde, for thee mad man  
Agaynst the prycke to spurne,

## The ix. Chapter.

Be tremblinge then, sayde on this wylde  
Lorde what wylt thou I do:  
And then the lorde, bad hym aryse  
The cirie go into.

And there it shall, be tolde to thee  
Men herpng there this nople:  
Amased were that no man see  
But hearde a certayne voyce.

And Saule arose, then from the grounde  
His eyes he then opned:  
And sawe no man, but hearde the sounde  
Of suche as hym then led

Who brought hym then, to Damasco  
Thre dayes his syght was blanke:  
He sawe no lyght, great was his wo  
He neyther ate nor dranke,

A certaine discipule, there was  
That at Damasco lay.  
Who was named, Ananias  
The Lorde to hym dyd say,

Ananias, worke myne aduyce  
Here Lorde he dyd repeate:  
And than the Lorde, bad hym aryse  
And go into the streete

¶

Whiche

## The. ix. Chapter.

Whiche creature is called straght in dede  
And further more, do thus:  
In Judas house, loke thou with speede  
For one Saule of Tharsus.

Beholde he prayeth, and he hath sene  
A vision brought to pas:  
Wherin appeard, as it had bene  
The man Ananias,

Who as he thought to hym dyctoe nere  
To helpe his heauy plyght:  
And by his handes, as myght appere  
He shoulde receiue his syght,

Then answered he, the Lorde direct  
And made of Saule complaintes:  
Howe he had delt, with his elect  
In Fury that were sayntes,

And here he hath, authorize  
From the hye priestes to slaye:  
And bynde all those, that call on the  
The Lorde to hym dyd saye,

Go on thy wayes, and do these thynges  
For he is geuen to me:  
To beare by name, before all kynges  
And whete the Gentyls be,

And

## The.ix. Chapter.

And eke chyldren, of Israel  
For I wyll hym betake:  
To suffer great thynges, passynge well  
Onely for my names sake.

Ananias, went on his waye  
And vnto Saule dzebe nere:  
And eke his handes on hym dyd lay  
And sayde Saule brother dere.

The Lorde that dyd, appeare to thee  
In the hye wayes so bygh:  
Hath sent me now to make thee see  
Wherfoze receiue thy syght.

The holy ghost, shall thee suffies  
And fyll thee with good tales:  
And the fell thynges, downe fro his eyes  
Lyke as they had ben scales,

He dyd receyue his syght certayne  
So dyd he then baptyzm:  
And eke dyd cate his meate agayne  
Whiche dyd well comfort hym.

And certayne dayes, Saule would not go  
But kept with the elect:  
Whiche then abode, at Damasco  
The sayth there to erect.

Act.

Sauls

## The. ix. Chapter.

Saule preached Chryſt, with heart ryghe  
The Synagoges dyd ble: (fres)  
Anouchynge Chryſt, Gods ſonne to bee  
That all muche dyd muſe.

Some ſayde is not, thys man the ſame  
That lately ſpoyled them:  
Which then dyd call, on Chryſt his name  
Euen at Jeruſalem.

And alſo came, for this entene  
If any ſuche be founde:  
Before thygh preſt, them to conuene  
And eke to bynge them bounde.

But Saule in ſtrength, encreaſed ſo  
The Jewes he dyd reſiſt:  
Whiche then dyd dwell, at Damasco  
Affirminge very Chryſt.

Withyn a whyle, Saule preachyng ſtyll  
Whole wordes abroad were bloune:  
The Jewes toke counsell, hym to kyll  
The whiche to Saule was knowne.

They dyd lay wayte, both day and nyghe  
And on the gates dyd watche:  
Full cruelly, agaynſt all ryghe  
Hys lyfe then to diſpatche,

But

## The. ix. Chapter.

But the disciples, knowyng all  
They purpose then to tell:  
By nyght they put, hym throughe that  
Downe in a great basket, (wall

When he came to, Jerusalem  
Disciples beyng there:  
He sayde to Ioyne, hym selfe to them  
But they dyd hym muche feare,

And scarfly woulde, beleue that God  
This thyng in hym had wrought:  
But Barnabas, that there abod  
Hym to chapposles brought,

And dyd declare, to them also  
That sene the Lorde he had:  
In the hys way, as he dyd go  
And what the Lorde hym bad,

And howe he had, ryght boldely done  
The synagoges througheout:  
In preachynge Christ, to be Gods Sonne  
Damasco rounde about,

And then he had, the company  
Of them with ryght good wyll:  
And in the citee, taught boldly  
The name of Iesus still.

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And .

## The. ix. Chapter.

And he dyd speake, and eke dispute  
Euen with the Grekes certayne.  
He stoutly stode, them to confute  
And they woulde hym haue slayne.

But when the brethren dyd espye  
They woulde haue slayne hym thus:  
They brought hym vnto Cesary  
And sent hym to Tharclus.

Then dyd the congregacion lye  
Through Jewry all at rest:  
And Galile, and Samarye  
Were edified and blest.

The feare of God, they dyd suppose  
In eche countrey and cost:  
They multiplyde, in the comfort  
Euen of the holy ghost.

And it chaunced, as Peter went  
And of all countreys felt:  
The Lorde vnto the sayntes hym sent  
Whiche then at Tybda dwelt.

A man he founde, of heauy chere  
Whose name was Encas:  
The which had kept, his bed, vntill, yere  
Sicke of the Paullie was,

Encas



## The. ix. Chapter.

Eneas then, dyd Peter saye  
Thyſt Ieſus comfort thee:  
Arſe and make, thy bed ſtraght way  
And then arſe dyd he.

And all Lydda, and Aſaron  
Of this doth beare recorde:  
Whiche ſawe the man, and therupon  
Dyd tourne vnto the Lorde.

There was a woman, at Joppa  
A diſciple ſhe was:  
Whoſe name was called, Tabitha  
Whiche is to ſay Dorcas.

Full of good workes, ſhe was alwayes  
And eke in almes tryed:  
It chaunced ſo, euen in thoſe dayes  
That ſhe was ſycke and dyed.

When they had waſht, her certaynely  
And in her Chamber layde:  
Because Lydda, was Joppa nye  
Then the diſciples ſayde.

That Peter was, then at Lydda  
And ſent one to repozt:  
That theyr deſyre, was to Joppa  
He ſhoulde to them reſort.

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Peter

## The. ix. Chapter.

Peter arose, and quickly sounge  
For them that Dozcas kept:  
Into the Chamber, they hym brought  
Where all the wydowes wept,

And shewed suche coates, as the dyd make  
And also dyd conuert:  
Unto theyr ble, for Christ his sake  
And Peter sayde depart.

He knyled downe, and eke dyd praye  
And on the dead dyd crye:  
Tabitha nowe, aryse I say  
And sh: lyft vp her eye.

And when she sawe, Peter there stande  
Her selfe she dyd vp rayse:  
And then he toke, her by the hande  
And lyft her vp strayght wayse.

Unto the saynctes, and wydowes the:  
Aloue he brought her out:  
And it was knowen, vnto all men  
In Joppa rounde about.

And many that, were them amonge  
Belued then eche where:  
And he abode, in Joppa longe  
With Simon Tanner there,

Howe

## The. x. Chapter.

Howe Peter sawe, the vision playne  
And then the Lorde sent hym:  
To Cornely the good Captayne  
The Heathen receaue Baptym.

**T**hen was there one, Cornelius  
Whiche dwelt at Cesarye:  
A Captayne good, and gracious  
Of those of Italye.

Deuout he was, and God dyd feare  
So dyd his famely:  
In almes great, and in prayer  
Abode continually.

Unto his syght, God dyd betozaie  
His Angell glorius:  
About the nyneh, houre of the daye  
Whiche sayde Cornelius.

Who looked vp, hym to beholde  
And was afrayde certayne:  
He sayde howe Lorde, may I beholde  
To knowe the matter playne.

The Angell sayde, then in that place  
Thyne almesse and prayers all:  
Dyd come befoze, the throne of grace  
When thou to God dydst call.

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The .x. Chapter.

Wherefore to Joppa, sende anon  
Some trusty messenger:  
And byd hym call, for one Simon  
Whose surname is Peter.

In Simon tanners house he is  
Lodged by the sea syde:  
Who shall thee teache, the worde of his  
Wherin thou shalt abyde.

And when the angell, that spake thus  
Departed was and gon:  
Then straight way did, Cornelius  
Two seruauntes call vpon.

And eke a deuoute, songer  
On hym that byd attende:  
He tolde his mynde, and for Peter  
To Joppa byd them sende.

Then on the morne, they rose ryght soone  
And went fast on theyr waye:  
But Peter went, about hygh noone  
Up in a toft to praye.

When hunger byd, moue hym to cate  
Wyspynge for sustenance:  
Whyle they for hym prepared meate  
He fell into a trance.

And

## The.x. Chapter.

And saw that heauē, then cleane in shaine  
A bestell downe byd glyde:  
And to his syght appeared playne  
A mete bothe large and wyde.

The corners knit, haupnge therein  
Foure footed beastes full fayre:  
Wormes of eche sort, also vermin  
And eke foules of the ayre.

There came a voyce, to hym and sayde  
Kysse Peter kyll and eate:  
But Peter then, as one dismayde  
Began thus to entreate.

And sayde no Worde, that I refuse  
It were synne as I meane:  
For I in meate, byd neuer vse  
Thynges common or vncleane.

The voyce then spake, the seconde tyme  
And sayde of this be sure:  
What God doth cleanse, is voyde of crime  
Make thou it not vnpure.

This was done thysle, in his presens  
The scruch to tell you playne:  
The bestell then, byd banyshe thens  
Up into heauen agayne,

When

## The, x, Chapter.

When Peter thus, was in great doubt  
What thys shoulde signifie:  
Beholde the men, that were sent out  
From captayne Cornelius.

Enquired where, Simon dwelt dwell  
Before the doore standynge:  
Despyng one, to them to sell  
Where was Peters lodgynge.

While Peter in, his mynde dyd muse  
What this strange sight myght be:  
The sprits to hym, these wordes did vse  
Beholde these men, seke thee.

Aryse and do, thy selfe prepare  
To go with them an ende:  
And haue no doubt, nor yet no feare  
For I to thee them sende.

Then Peter to, the men downe went  
And sayde to I am he:  
Hath any man, you to me sent  
What is your will with me.

They sayde captayne, Cornelius  
A iust man without blame:  
Whiche feareth God, most graci-  
Of good report and fame.

Amenge

## The .x. Chapter.

Amonge the people, of the Jews  
Was warned by an Angell  
To sende for the, to heare good news  
Of Gods most holy Gospell;

Into the house, with good intent  
He dyd them leade so honyed  
The next day then, forth Peter went  
With them even in theyr baggage;

And certayne brethien, of Joppa  
Dyd beare hym company  
So dyd they all, on the thyrde day  
Come vnto Cesarea;

Cornelius then, with his wyf and  
And frendes especiall:  
Whom he together had called  
Wayted for Peter all;

And as Peter, by chaunce came thither  
The captayne dyd hym meete  
In presence of hys, frendes and kinne  
Fell downe at Peters fete;

To worshyp hym, then at a blade  
Cornelius then began:  
But Peter toke hym vp and sayde  
Stande vp I am a man;

So

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So Peter led, hym forth with talke  
Till he came in: and when he was  
Where he dyd fynde, muche people walke  
And then he dyd begin, hem to aduise.

And sayde to them, ye knowe before  
That heauyn is the danger:  
For in the dyes, by chaunces lore  
To ioyne with a straunger.

But yet the Lorde, hath shewed to me  
That I shoulde call no more:  
No man to cleane, to bathe he  
I doubted not therfore.

To come as soone, as you dyd sende  
To knowe what it myght be:  
I aske you now, therfore the ende  
And cause ye sent for me.

It is now sayde, Cornelius  
About foure dayes ago:  
Synce that I was muche desyrus  
To fast and pray also.

Then in my house, at the nyght houre  
As I was there prayinge:  
Beholde one shode, of myghty power  
By me in bryght clathynge,



The. x. Chapter,

He sayde to me, Cornelius.

Thy prayer is accept:

Thy almes dekes, are precious

And in remembrance kept.

Before the face, of God alwaye.

Whiche is our God alone:

Therefore with speede, sende to Joppa.

And call for one Simon.

Whose surname, is called Peter.

At Jnne he doth abyde:

And lodge with Simon the tanner.

Not farre from the sea side.

When he commeth, he shall plainly

Do thee to understande:

What is my will, and then do.

Sende for the out of hande.

It is well done, that thou art come

For we are here present:

Before the Lorde, bothe all and some

To here his commaundment.

With open mouth, Peter sayde then

From hence I will not wane,

Before the Lorde, no sortes of men

Preminence can haue.

But

## The, x, Chapter,

But all suche as, feareth his grace  
And worketh ryghtwysnes;  
With his mercy, he doth embrace  
Acceptyng moze and lesse.

The worde that God, to Israel  
Through Iesus Chyrt dyd sende:  
He is the Lorde, ye knowe ryght well  
In euery cost and ende.

Howe it was than, byred amonge  
The Iues in eche countre:  
But sytt of all, howe that it spronge  
Euen out of Galile.

After Johns Baptyme, and preaching  
God wylch his holy brette;  
And strength anoynted priest and kynge  
Iesus of Nazareth.

Which went about, and much good dyd  
To those that were in payne,  
From Sarans force he dyd them ryd  
God was with hym certayne.

Of all he dyd, the Iues myght  
And in these chiefe citce,  
We wytnes are, whom they dyd kill  
And hanged vpon a trece

whom

The, x. Chapter.

Whom God did saye, that third day rise  
And shewe hym openly:

Not to all men, as sayth the text  
But vnto vs onely.

Whom God dyd chosse, to beate wynges  
Whiche feed with meate and bread:  
And dranke with hym, agone dountles  
Arisen from the dead.

And vs to preache commaunded he  
And to enstruce eche head:  
That God appoynted, hym to be  
A iudge of quicke and dead.

The prophetes all, witness with fame  
That all beleuers wyngnes:  
Through hys merites, and holy name  
Remission of theyr synnes.

Whyle Peter yet, these words dyd tell  
That God dyd hym afforde:  
The holy ghost, on them all fell  
That hearkened to the worde.

The saythfull people, of the Jewes  
Whiche Peter with hym led:  
Amazed were, sore at those names  
When that Gods spyrte was shed.

## The, x. Chapter.

And pointed on, the heathen sorte  
Whom they without delay:  
With dyuers tongues, hearde make reportes,  
Of Gods hygh prayse alway.

At that tyme Peter byd aunswere  
May any man vs let:  
Or els forbyd, but that waters  
Amonge vs may be fet.

To baptise these, both lest and most  
Which here in presence be:  
Endowde nowe with, the holy ghost  
To grace as well as we.

And so prepare, these to Baptism  
He charged them strayght wayes  
Then in Gods name, they moued hym  
To tarpe there fewe dayes.

AND Peter doth, declare the cause  
Why he to the heathen went:  
Paule Barnabas doth synaske the Lawes  
Of hym that then them sent.

**T**he Apostles and breethren were glad  
Throughtout Ierusalem:  
To heare the heathen, returned had  
The worde of God to them.

When

## The. xj. Chapter.

When Peter to, Jerusalem  
Came to his iourneyes endes  
They of the circumcision  
With hym dyd then contende.

And sayde of late, thou went into  
A huncircumspde in dede:  
With them to eate, whiche thyng to do  
Our lawe hath not decrede.

Peter began, then to debate  
The thynges as they dyd chaunce  
And sayde I was, in Joppa late  
Prayinge and in a trance.

As I in dede, playnely had sene  
A vessell descendyng:  
A large wypre cloth, as it had bene  
From Heauen then downe commyng.

Let downe it was, by corners fower  
And so it came to me:  
Within the whiche, when it came lower  
Myne eyes playnely myght se.

Four footed beastes, that semed fayre  
Wermen and wormes there layde:  
And also sowles, out of the ayre  
A voyce to me then sayde.

Will,

Peter

## The .xj. Chapter.

Peter aryse, see thou and eate  
And I sayde Lorde, God wylde:  
For in my mouth, came neuer meate  
Then common or yet desylde.

And then the voyce, dyd aunswere me  
From heauen with good accorde:  
Count not those thynges, uncleane to be  
That cleansed hath the Lorde.

Three tymes this thyng, was broughte a:  
As I haue shewed you playne:  
And all thynges was, without all doubt  
Up take to heauen agayne.

And then beholde, immediately  
There came to me thre men:  
The whiche were sent, from Cesary  
Suelly to seke me then.

And then the spyte to me dyd saye  
Do thou thy selfe prepare:  
To go with them, forth on theyr way  
And haue therof no feare.

More ouer then, fyve brethren went  
In company of vs:  
Vnto the house of hym that sent  
Whiche was Cornelius.

Home

## The. xj. chapter.

Howe he had sene, he shewed to vs:

The Angell of the Lorde:

Whiche sayde to hym, Cornelius

To Joppa sende thou worde,

To Simon Peter, one of myne

Who shall tell wordes to thee:

Wherby that thou, and eke all thyne

No dout shall saved be.

And then as I, began to preache

The spyrte on them fell thus:

As dyd on vs, when we dyd teache

The Lorde and Christ Jesus,

Then in my head, I dyd recorde

Great thynges that I then wayde:

Which were the wordes, of God the Lorde

That he in dede had sayde,

John with water, he dyd baptise

But ye shall baptysed be:

Euen with the spyrte, that is ryghte wyse

Within fewe dayes trust me.

Then forasmuch as God dyd geue

To them as vnto vs:

When we dyd first, preache and belene

The Lorde and Christ Jesus,

Gal. what

## The. xj. Chapter.

What was I then, that I shoulde craue  
And eke the Lord deny:  
When they hearde that, they helde they  
And God dyd glorifye.

And sayde also, that God had sente  
The Gentils euen the same:  
They forner lyfe, then to repence  
Beleuyng in his name.

Those that before, abode were byuen  
Through persecution stronge:  
The whiche arose, about good Steuen  
From place to place went longe.

Untyll they came, to Phenices  
Cipets and Antioche:  
Unto the Jewes, bothe moze and les  
Onely they dyd approche.

And eke of Cipets, there were some  
And of Sirene also:  
To Antioche, when they were come  
Unto the Grekes dyd go.

And preached then, the Lord Iesus  
Whose hande with them abode:  
A great numbze, beleued vs  
And turned vnto God.



## The. xj. Chapter.

Of these thynges tydynges came angh  
Unto the eares of them!  
That were the congregacion  
Then at Jerusalem.

And they sent forth, one Barnabas  
To antioche in peace:  
When he came there, ryght glad he was  
To see the sayth encrease,

Exhortynge them, not once to tace  
Sith God had them restorde:  
Unto his grace, that they with harte  
Shoulde cleane unto the Lorde.

Ryght good he was, even from his yowth  
Full of the spyte and sayth:  
Suche people he, unto the trouth  
Wyd wyne the sope sayth.

Then Barnabas, to Tharsus soughe  
To see Saule there approche:  
Upon whose syght, ryght sone he broughe  
Hym unto Antioche.

And it chanced, that one whole yere  
They kept together syl  
Even with the congregacion there  
And taught the Lorde hys wyl,

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Thas

## The. xj. Chapter.

That in so much, thelect that were  
At Antioche even then:  
Were those in dede, that spyd byd, beare  
The name of Christen men.

In those dayes from, Jerusalem  
The prophetes came to vs;  
To antioche, and one of them  
Was named Agabus.

Whiche by the spyte, then signified  
Great dearth shoulde then succede;  
And that throughout, the worlde so wide  
Whiche came to passe in dede.

In Claudius dayes, the Emperour  
Thelect them selues byd bynder;  
Eche man accordynge to his power  
Some succour then to sende.

Unto the brethren, in Turpe  
Whiche thyng they brought to pas;  
And sent vnto, the Elders bye  
Saule and eke Barnabas

HERODE doth persecute Christes flocke  
And doth slay Iames in dede;  
In pryson be, doth Peter locke  
The wormes Herode doth feede.

And

The xij. Chapter,

**A**ddin that tyme, Herode the kynge  
He dyd hys handes let styppre:  
To trouble men of good tpyunge  
And godly felowshyppe.

He dyd slaye James, Johns brother dere  
Euen with the swerde in dede:  
Because the Jewes, well pleased were  
He further dyd procede.

It was the dayes, then of swete breade  
And he taughte Peter fast:  
With violence, wynde of all breade  
In pylson dyd hym cast.

Deluyerynge hym, a charge gaue he  
Unto quartermions sower:  
Of souldiers there, then kept to be  
Tyll that the feast were ouer.

Entendyng then, once easter past  
That out he shoulde be brought  
But Peter was, in pylson fast  
Tyll God for hym had wrought.

Then prayer was made, without ceasynge  
Of all the godly menne:  
Unto the Lorde, our hym to byng  
Of that soule fylthy denne.

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## The .xij. Chapter,

When Herode woulde, haue had hym sente  
And brought befoze the counte:  
The same nyght Peter, slept betwene  
Two souldiers stowze and boure.

Bounde with two chaynes, in lodgyngs  
And so he fell a slepe:  
The keepers standynge at the doze  
The pryson fast to kepe.

Beholde the Angell, of the Lorde  
Was present in that tyme:  
The lodge to lyght, he then restorde  
And smote on Peters syde,

And awaked hym, who lay in bandes  
And sayde aryse unbewapred:  
And then the chaynes, fell from his hands  
The Angell to hym sayde.

Eyde thou thy selfe, and haue no drede:  
Thy sandales bynde on thee:  
Thy mantell cast, on thee with spede  
And then come folowe me.

He folowed hym, and made no dene:  
And wyl not what done was:  
But as a vision, he had sene  
Whiche thangel brought to pass.

When

## The .xij. Chapter.

When they the first watche, dyd frustrate  
The seconde watche also:  
They came vnto, the yron gate  
That goth the cite vnto.

Whiche opened by, the owne accord  
They passynge through by nyght:  
And then the Angell, of the Lorde  
From Peter banished quight.

When Peter so, hym selfe came well  
He sayde I knowe and see:  
That God hath sent, me his Angell  
Whiche hath deliuered me.

Out of the handes, of kynge Herod  
And all his whole counsaile;  
And from the Jewes, I thanke my God  
That neuer dyd me fayle.

And as he thought, this thyng vpon  
To Maries house dyd go:  
Whiche was the mother of one Iohn  
And called Marke also.

Where dyuers were, gathered to praye  
There Peter knockt with spede:  
A damsell came forth, to heare saye  
Named Rhoda in dede.

And

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And when that she, knewe Peters voyce:  
¶ The doze she dyd let passe:  
She ranne in fast, and dyd reioyce  
To tell where Peter was.

Declarynge playne, that hearde she had  
Hym speake in the entree:  
And then they sayde, that she was mad:  
But she sayde it was he.

Then sayde they all, it may becomde  
His Angell there to be:  
But Peter styl, dyd there abyde  
And eke styl knocked he.

And when they had, opened the doze  
Where Peter then dyd stande:  
They were astonied, ryche and poze  
But he helde vp his hande.

And wylled them, to holde theyr peace  
And shewed them what was past:  
Howe that the Lorde, dyd hym releace  
Where he in chaynes lay fast.

And he sayde then, go shewe this thyng  
To James and brethren eke:  
And he went thence, before day sprynge  
Another place to seke.

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As soone as it, was saye lyght day  
The souldiers made great mone:  
Eche one to other, began to say  
Howe is this man thus gone.

When Herode then, for hym dyd call  
And naught of hym hearde saye:  
He dyd examine, the keepers all  
Commaundynge them away.

And he descended, from Jewry  
To Cesary anon:  
With them of Tyre, he was angrie  
And with them of Sidon.

And they came all, then to obtrayne  
By intercession than:  
To Bassus made, his chamberlayne  
Despyrre place eche man.

Because they countrey, where they fed  
Chiefely by hym dyd stande:  
And they and theirs, were nourished  
Onely by Herodes lande.

Upon a daye, appoynted well  
Herode hym selfe made neare:  
In fyne and copall, apparell  
And set hym on his seate.

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To them gay wordes, then spake Barro  
The people then dyd shoute:  
And sayde he speaks, moze lyke a God  
Then lyke a man no doute.

The Angell then, immediately  
Dyd speke hym with Gods rod:  
Because he dyd, not geue the glozy  
Unto the tyunge God.

The woymes of hym, toke they repast  
And he gaue vp the ghost:  
The worde also encreased fast  
And grewe in euery cost.

Then Barnabas, and saule went soone  
Unto Ierusalem:  
When they their office, had well done  
And toke John Marke with them.

## The Contentes,

PAVLE Barnabas, dyd God prse

And dyd the beaspen-teache:

And eke agaynst, the forcerer

At Antiochy dyd prache.



The. xiiij. Chapter.

**A**T Antioche, there dyd remaine  
Amonge the flocke of Chryst:  
Some prophetes, and some teachers  
Sent from the Lord most hieft. (playne

As Barnabas, Simon Nigier  
And Lucie of Syrene:  
The Tetrarchas nure, felowe was there  
Whose name was Manahene.

And also Saule, was there in place  
Who as they ministred:  
And eke dyd fast, and pray for grace  
Gode sprite on them was shed.

Which dyd commaunde, and to them saide  
Sende Barnabas and Saul:  
To worke the worke, before them layde  
Whereto I dyd them call.

Then dyd they fast, and also praye  
As they were wont to do:  
And eke they hands, on them dyd lay  
And then they let them go.

And by Gode sprite, when they were sent  
They came to Seleucy:  
From thence dyd sayle, so that they went  
To Ciprus directly.

And

## The. xiiij. Chapter.

And when they came, to Salomine  
In the church of Iewes:  
They hearts and mindes, they did encline  
To preache them there good newes.

To serue with them, there for a while  
They had one John by name,  
And when they had, gone through the yle  
To Saphos then they came.

A sorcerer there, of them was founde  
A false prophet a Iue:  
Whose reachyng was, not sure ne sounde  
Hys name was Barlesu.

With Sergius Saule, a man prudent  
Whiche rule the whole countre:  
With all his trayne, he dyd frequent  
Familiar then to be.

The same ruler, to hym dyd canle  
And wylled to come nere:  
Both Barnabas, and also Saule  
Of them goddes worde to here.

But Elymas, the sorcerer  
So they declare his name,  
Dyd wylle the ruler, to forbert  
To sayth hym selfe to frame.

Saul

## The xiiij. Chapter.

Saule named Paule, then in that coſt  
Full feruent at a brayde:

Who was full of, the holy Ghoſt

Behelde hym then and ſayde,

Full of all, ſubtiltie

And eke diſceitfulnes:

The deuyls chylde, and enemye

To grace and ryghtwyſnes,

Thou doſt not cease, ſpill to peruerſe

By damnable diſcorde:

But doſt alwayes plucke from mans harte

The ſtrayght wayes of the Lozde.

And now beholde, thou man unkynde

The Lozdes hande is on thee:

And for a tyme, thou ſhalt be blinde

The Sunne thou ſhalt not ſee.

Immediarly, then for his pryde

Vpon his eyes dyd ſtande:

A myſt that made hym ſeke a gyde

To leade hym by the hande.

The ruler then, dyd ſee the caſe

And not therat reppne:

But muſed muche, and dyd embrace

The Lozde and his doctrine:

When Paule from Daphus, toke ſhippyng

And all his companye:

Forth on theyr way, they went ſaylyng

To Berge of ſhamphylpe.

## The. xiiij. Chapter.

**T**o se his frēdes, John was right faine  
And dyd depart from them:  
And so returned, whom agayne  
Unto Jerusalem.

**T**hey wandryng ther, wēt from Perga  
And soone they dyd appoche:  
The lande then of Pisidia  
And came to Antioche.

**I**nto the synagoge they wene  
Upon the Sabbothes daye:  
And sat them downe, with good entent  
No man dyd say them nay.

**B**ut when the lecture of the lawe  
And prophetes there was done:  
The ruler then, which there them sawe  
Sayde unto them ryght sone.

**G**ood brethren nowe, we do you praye,  
The people to exhort:

**I**f any sermon, ye can saye  
To them for theyr comfort.

**T**hen Paulc stode vp, there in presens  
And beckned with his hande:

**H**e prayde them all, to kepe sylens  
Gods worde to vnderstande.

**H**e sayde ye men, of Israell  
And ye that God do feare:

**A**nd all that here amonge you dwell  
I pray you geue good care,

God

## The. xiiij. Chapter.

**T**he Lord of this people dyd elect  
Out fathers vs befozre:

Quauncyng them, that were relect  
As forreiners farre bozne.

**I**n Egypt lande both day and nyght  
In bondage they dyd dwell:

The Lord then with, hys arme of myght  
Dyd byngge them out ryght well.

**A**nd forty yeres, he dyd them spare  
In all theyr wyckednes:

To punyssh them, he dyd forbare  
Within the wyldernes.

**S**even nations then, in Canaan  
He wasted well. I wote.

Partynge the lande, to euery man  
Accordynge to his lot.

**T**hen to the tyme of Samuell  
The iudges gaue trulye:

Amonge them there, yeres for to dwell  
Foure hundred and fyfte.

**A**nd after that, a kynge to craue  
They woulde not cease ne blyp:

The sonne of Cis, Saule God the gaue  
Of the tribe of Benjamin.

**T**wo yeres & twenty yeres, he ware the  
No lenger raigned he.

For God the Lord, dyd put hym downe  
And his posterite.

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**T**he see vp Dauid, to be kynges  
And ruler in his place:

And dyd repute, of hym sayinge  
Dauid I do embrace:

**O**ne Iesus sonne, whom I haue found  
A man Ienepll and kynde:

He is to me, both sure and sound  
To fulfill all my mynde:

**O**f this mans seide, a sauour  
The promys thus doth tell:

God hath brought forth, Iesus the floure  
And kyng of Israell:

**B**ut after Iohn, had run his race  
He sayde I am not he:

I meane Messias, full of grace  
Whom ye take me to be:

**B**ut lo one doth, come after me  
Whose shoes upon his feete:

Of such byghnes, and dignite  
To lose I am vnnere:

**Y**e men bretherne, and chyldeyn all  
Of Abraham by discent:

To you that feare, God great and small  
This worde of lpe is sent:

**T**he dwellers in, Ierusalem  
The rulers well I wote:

And all such theyn, as were with them  
In dede they knewe hym not:

The

## The xiiij. Chapter.

**T**he prophetes voyce, that were red  
Eche Saboth them amonge:  
With such blindnes, then were they led.  
They coulde take then but wronge.  
**A**nd though of death, they founde no  
In hym most innocent: yet the cause  
The prophetes, in every clause  
Were ended as they mentoned had be.  
**I**n denyng hym, to morall fate  
They byd them all fulfill:  
When they made sure, to Pons Pilate  
This innocent to kyll.  
**W**hen all thynges done, in eche degree  
As scripture woulde it hane:  
They toke hys body, from the tree  
And layed it in the grave.  
**G**od raysed hym, on the thyrde day  
From death to lyfe certayne:  
He shewed hym selfe without delay  
When he was rylen agayne.  
**A**nd many tymes, appeared he  
Full lyuely unto them:  
That went with hym, from Galile  
Unto Ierusalem.  
**W**hiche are his witness, to eche sort  
Appoynted of the Lorde:  
And we also to your comfort  
Gods promys do recorde,  
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The. xiiij. Chapter.

**W**hiche to our fathers, he dyd feare  
Howe God to theyr offsprynge  
Fulfilled hath, in Chyft the same  
From death hym reuyvinge.

**T**he seconde psalme, recordeth playne  
Thou art my sonne sayth he:  
The father sayth, this day certayne;  
I haue begotten thee.

**I**n that he rayled, hym anon  
From death nothyng dismayde  
No more to se corruption  
On this wyle then he sayde.

**T**he fauour, grace, and che good wyll  
That I Dauid dyd bowe;  
Full faythfully I shall fulfill  
And performe it to you.

**T**herfore he sayth, in the lyke place  
Thy sonne the holy one  
Thou shalt not suffer in no case  
To see corruption.

**A**s for Dauid, his tyme dyd kepe  
To serue Gods wyll trulye;  
And after that, fallenge a slepe  
Was layde his father bye.

**H**is Cois dyd waste, and putrefye  
But God his sonne dyd he  
Wake quicke agayne, and certainly  
Dyd no corruption se.

know



## The.xiiij. Chapter.

Knowe ye therfore, ye brethren all  
Through hym ye may purchase :  
Whiche is preached, to great and small  
For geuenes of trespass.

¶ And from all thynges full sure to be  
Acquited and made sure:

Whiche Moyses lawe in no degree  
Coude clense be pe ryght sure.

¶ But who so that, wyl gyue credence  
And in the fayth abyde:

Through hym is cleare, from all offence  
And also iustfyde

¶ Beware therfore, I do you reade  
And kepe ye from the lake:

Left those thynges fall vpon your heade  
Wherof the prophetes spake.

¶ Ye dyspylers, beholde and muse  
At your destruction nowe:

For in your tyme, a worke defuse  
I worke euen vnto you.

¶ Whiche in no wyle, ye shall beleue  
Who so of it you tell:

The which is wrought you for to grene  
Because ye do rebell.

¶ When that the Jues, were al forth gon  
Out of theyr holy place:

The Gentyles them, besought anon  
To preache the worde of grace.

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And

## The xiiij. Chapter.

**A**nd the to teache, throughout the week  
Betwene the Saboth dayes:

What meanes & wayes, that they myght  
To please the Lorde alwayes.

**A**nd they: holy congregacion then  
So ended Luke recytes:

On them dyd wayte, there many men  
Bothe Jhesus and Protelypres.

**A**nd to these good men, that dyd abyde  
Spake Paule and Barnabas.

Exhortynge them, not once to fyde  
From God ne from his grace.

**A**nd the Saboth day, then here folowynge  
The citee whole well neare:

Together came, muche despyng  
Gods holy worde to heare.

**A**nd when the Jewes, sawe such a rout  
They were full with a deafe

Reuplynge Paule, with wordes full stoute  
Begynnyng to blaspheme.

**A**nd Bar Barnabas, and Paule was bolde  
And sayde it doth behone:

Gods worde to you, I will to be tolde  
Whiche sent is from above.

**A**nd but I say ye do, it nowe drive  
Quoydynge it with wyte:

And thynke you selues, how  
Of everlastyng lyfe,

And

# The. xlii. Chapter.

**A**nd eke the worde, so precious  
 we take for crafte and gyles;  
 So here the Lord, hath willed us  
 To tourne vnto the Gentyles.  
**I** haue set thee, to be a lyght  
 The Gentyles for to gyde  
 And them to saue, as I behyghe  
 Throughtout the earth so wyde.  
**T**he Gentyles then, offered this grace  
 Of it they were full fayne;  
 Gods worde with thanks, they dyd em;  
 Beleyunge it certayne.  
**A**nd those that God, had ordayned  
 To euerlastyng lyfe;  
 Abode in faith, the worde dyd spread  
 Throughtout the countrey ryfe.  
**W**herefore the Jewes, them dyd abhor  
 And moued without pytie;  
 The women of, worshyp and hono;  
 The chiefe men of the cytie.  
**A**gains poore Paul, and Barnabas  
 And woulde without offence;  
 A persecution brought to pas.  
 Expellyng them from thence;  
**O**ut of that coast, wher they dwelt  
 To go they made them haste;  
 And to a towne, wole they hie  
 Agains them of that rate.

D. b.

And

## The. xliij. Chapter.

**A**nd they came to, Iconium  
Accept of leaue and moſte:  
And Gods elect, were all becom  
Full of the holy ghoſt.

THE APOSTLES at Iconium:

Dyd preache with good aduyces:  
The people woulde, bothe all and ſome  
To them do ſacrifice.

**I**t chaunced in, Iconium  
As they oft tymes dyd hſe:  
Together they, into dyd cum  
The ſynagoges of Jewes.

**W**here they dyd preache, and only ſeke  
Gods grace then to atcheue  
That they ſo ſpake, to Jewe and Greke  
That many dyd beleue.

**B**ut then the Jewes, of unbelefe  
The Gentyles on dyd call:  
And ſpyde theys myndes, to much miſchefe  
Agaynſt the beſtrene all.

**A**nd they longe tyme, dyd there perſiſt  
Gods word byll to recorde:  
And quit them ſelues, boldly in Chriſt  
By helpe of Gods the Lord.

**W**hiche then gaue testimony unto  
The worde euen of his grace:  
And cauſed them, great thynges to do  
Whiche by theys handes, ſoke place.

## The. xiiij. Chapter.

**T**he people dyd, them selues deuyde  
As they were then affect :

**S**um for the Jewes, woulde neuer flyde  
Nor sum from Christes elect.

**T**he that the Jewes, & genyles woulde  
Auaile make them byon :

**T**heir rulers wroughte, all that they could  
By counsell them to none.

**T**hose counsell knowen, they made no  
But fled into Ilyria :

**A**nd Verba, cyties of the coast  
Of Ilicaonia.

**A**nd eke into the region  
That lyeth there rounde about :

**A**nd preached Christ, to every one  
And his gospell throughout.

**T**here sat a man, of lyttle myght  
At Ilyria, lame of fere,

**A** crepell was, euen from his byrth  
And neuer walked yet.

**T**he who hearde Paule preache, the story  
And Paule behelde the man :

**A**nd dyd perceyue that he had sayd  
To be made whole euen than.

**T**he Paule sayd to hym, with chereful voyce  
Upon thy feete by hande :

**A**nd he stode vp, and dyd reioyce,  
And walshed out of hande

And

## The. xliij. Chapter.

And when the people, bey beholde  
What Paule had done that day:  
With myghty voyce, they were fall bolde  
To braye these thynges and say:

Howe in the speche, of our countre  
Gode are come downe by ro:  
In lykenes howe, of men ye  
And what straunge thynges they do.

And Barnabas, they call thus  
The name of Tropicke:  
And called Paule, Agrestus  
Because he was preacher.

And then the prest, of Tropicke  
Wylde bothe fete and handes:  
Whiche dwelt before, the cite there  
Broughte oren and garlandes.

To the church porch, and bey aduise  
The people and them rouse  
With hym then to, do sacrifice  
To Barnabas and Paule.

But whē they appoynted, herd their mind:  
They myght it not abyde  
But rent they clothes, the on their backs  
And ran with them to shypen.

They cryed and sayde, thus then them  
Why haue ye done thus now  
For we are bothe, but mortall men  
In all paynes we to complaine

And

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**T** And we do preache, you heriteers  
That lyas myght be abhorde

To turne you from, these banitees,  
Unto the lypynge Lord.

**T** Who made the heuens, & eke the landes  
That they shulde still be his:

He made the sea, even with his handes  
And all that in them is.

**T** Whiche in tymes past, even in those  
Dyd suffer and permit: (dayes

Eche man to walke, in his owne wayes  
Beuen by to his owne wyte.

**T** Neuertheles, his heavenly wyttes  
Left wyenes to declare:

In that he shewed his benefyttes  
From heauen rayne to prepare.

**T** And frutefull seasons, gaue at wylle  
To vs bothe more and les:

And in the ende, our heartes dyd fyll  
With foode and great gladnes.

**T** And al these wordes, wold scarce entyse  
The people to forbere:

But that they wolde, do Sacrifyce  
Unto them bothe even there.

**T** And certenly, Ihes dyd there approche  
The whiche dyd even then cum:

Immediatly, from Antioche  
And from Iconium.

And

The, xiiij. Chapter,

**C** And got the people to consene  
With stones Dauides blud to shed  
And through the cyrie, they hym rent  
Thynkynge he had ben dead.

**C** And yet as the, disciples stode  
About hym to lament:

He dyd aryse, and for his sode  
Into the cyrie went.

**C** And he abode, there all that nyght  
Euen vnto the next day:

Then Barnabas, and he a ryght  
To Derba toke the way.

**C** And in that cyrie, they dyd preache  
Whyle they dyd there sojorne:

To all men Jesus Chryst dyd teache  
And then they dyd recozne,

**C** To Iydra and, Iconium  
To Antioche and there:

Strengthened the soules, of all and sum  
That there disciples were.

**C** Exhortynge them, not to relent  
But in the fayth remayne:

Assermyng that, through much toylment  
We must to heauen attayne.

**C** And they then by, election  
Ordained elders there

In euery congregation  
By fastyng and prayer,

That



## The. xiiij. Chapter.

¶ That God to the, his grace myght send  
To worke his wyll most iust:

And thus to God, dyd them commend  
In whom they put theyr trust.

¶ And they went throught, Pilsidia  
And taught the people syl  
And came vnto, Samphilia  
Theyr callynge to fulfyll.

¶ And when they had, declared playne  
Gods worde then in Perca,  
They dyd descende, forthwith agayne  
Into Attalia

¶ From thence by theyr, they all sayled  
To Antioche a pace:

From whence they were, deliuered  
To God and to his grace.

¶ Who had them longe, preserued syl:  
From cruell men and mad:

Euen by his grace, to worke his wyll  
Whiche they fulfyllled had.

¶ When they were come, and to one stead  
The congregacion brought:

There was rehearst by eche mans head  
That God by them had wrought.

¶ Howe he the doore, of fayth vntyde  
The Gentyls in to call:

And there longe tyme, they dyd abyde  
With the disciples all.

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